REQUEST AND RESPONSE

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on 7 May 2013 by Kent and Medway Commissioning Support on behalf of all eight NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups in Kent and Medway. All answers relate to NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups in Kent and Medway only. The information you have requested is listed below together with the response:

How many positions in the CCGs have been filled using recruitment agency Odgers & Berndtson? How much has your CCG spent on services provided by Odgers & Berndtson? This relates to the period combined of both a shadow CCG to the present day.

I would be interested in any information held by the organisation regarding my request. I understand that I do not have to specify particular files or documents and that it is the department’s responsibility to provide the information I require.

I would like to receive the information in electronic copy and will expect the results to be made available to the public.

I can confirm that from 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013, the shadow year, all the eight NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups in Kent and Medway were supported in respect of their recruitment by the previous cluster NHS Kent and Medway. I can confirm during this period none of the eight NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups filled any positions using services provided by Odgers and Berndtson recruitment agency. Since the 1 April 2013 to date Kent and Medway Commissioning Support Unit known as KMCS has not used Odgers and Berndtson for filling any positions on behalf of all the eight Clinical Commissioning Groups in Kent and Medway and the Commissioning Support Unit (CSU).