REQUEST AND RESPONSE

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on 31 July 2013 by NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group. All answers relate to NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group only. I can confirm NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group does hold the information you requested. The information you requested is listed below together with the response:

(1) How many consultations for termination of pregnancy were bought by Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group and undertaken by independent providers for the last complete financial year for which you have records; and

(2) How many terminations of pregnancy undertaken by independent providers were bought by Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group in the same year.

In order to respond to your request, it is necessary to provide some context to the commissioning arrangements for health services in the Dartford Gravesham and Swanley area.

Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group became a statutory body on the 1st April 2013, prior to this date NHS Kent and Medway Primary Care Trust commissioned termination of pregnancy services for the Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley area, and therefore the data below relates to activity from 1st April 2013. Should you require data prior to this period, please contact:

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Redditch
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Email: England.contactus@nhs.net
Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group commission the Kent and Medway Commissioning Support Service (KMCS) to manage contracts on our behalf.

The timeframe from the date of the procedure, to the service provider informing KMCS of the activity, and for KMCS to verify that activity and allocate it to a specific CCG can take a number of weeks. Therefore the answers provided below are based on the information available to the CCG as at 30 August 2013:

Provider 1 - Dartford Gravesham and Swanley CCG activity **for April 2013 only:**

1. No. of telephone consultations – 56
   No. of face to face consultations – 27
2. No. of TOP procedures - 33

Provider 2 – Dartford Gravesham and Swanley CCG activity **for April – June 2013:**

1. No. of consultations – 4
2. No. of TOP procedures – 4