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RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on 4 September 2013 by NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group. The information you have requested is listed below together with the response:

I would be grateful if you would clarify if you commission & fund Occipital Nerve Stimulation (ONS) for severe refractory chronic migraine. If not, what is your recommendation on how to proceed with a funding request for a patient in your area that has failed multiple acute & prophylactic drugs and / or botulinum toxin injections

Occipital nerve stimulation is not commissioned or routinely funded within Kent and Medway CCGs. Clinicians may proceed with a funding request by completing an Individual Funding Request application on-line at the following link: https://ifr.kmcsu.nhs.uk (they register first, then log on to complete the form). The referrer would need to demonstrate clinical exceptionality, i.e. the way in which the patient is different to the cohort of similar patients and more likely to benefit or respond as compared to the cohort of similar patients.