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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 31 October 2013 by NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group. The information you have requested is listed below together with the response:

1. What is the inclusion criteria for surgical treatment of varicose veins?
2. What treatment options are funded?
3. Are there any exclusions?

HPSU, on behalf of Kent and Medway CCGs and Sussex CCGs, is in the process of revising the existing policy for access to and treatment of varicose veins. The first policy recommendation on the threshold referral criteria for the specialist assessment of varicose veins is due to be considered by the Kent and Medway Policy Recommendation and Guidance Committee shortly. We do not anticipate that the second piece of work, on treatment, will be completed before March 2014.

The latest Referral and Treatment Criteria, dated September 2013, produced by KMCS on behalf of the Kent and Medway CCGs including NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group is publically available and attached for your information.

(attachment available on request)