29 November 2013

Our Ref: FOI.13.DGS0120

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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

- I would like to request, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), details of homeopathy, alternative and complementary medicine.

- I would like to receive details over the past three calendar years (2010, 2011, 2012) of each of the following NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups:
  - NHS Ashford CCG
  - NHS Canterbury and Coastal CCG
  - NHS Medway CCG
  - NHS South Kent Coast CCG
  - NHS Swale CCG
  - NHS Thanet CCG
  - NHS West Kent CCG
  covering or showing the below:

  - A policy on the funding of:
    - homeopathic treatments, as well as
    - other alternative or complementary medicines or treatments.
  
  - The amount spent, by each of the mentioned NHS CCGs in each of the last three calendar years (2010, 2011, 2012), on:
    - homeopathy treatments, as well as
    - other alternative or complementary medicines.

  - The list of the homeopathic, alternative and complementary treatments prescribed in each of the last three years, in each of the mentioned NHS CCG’s in case you have it.

  - The number of patients of each of the mentioned NHS CCGs, in each of the last three years (2010, 2011 and 2012), who have been:
    - referred to a homeopathic, alternative and/or complementary practitioner;
    - prescribed a homeopathic, alternative and/or complementary practitioner.
The number of GPs practices that offer homeopathic, alternative and/or complementary treatments within each of the mentioned NHS CCGs’ areas.

I can confirm that this information is not held by NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group. Under section 16 of the Act - duty to provide advice and assistance, I can advise that this information is held by NHS England Area Team. Please contact them directly to request this information.

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