RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on 7 January 2014 by NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). The information you have requested is listed below together with the response:

1. Please confirm or deny whether your CCG has made an assessment of prevalence of i) atrial fibrillation, ii) deep vein thrombosis and iii) pulmonary embolisms in your area
   a. If confirmed, please provide details of the assessment.

   Prevalence rates have been estimated using published statistics in the relevant clinical guidance (CG 36, CG92 etc.)

2. Please confirm or deny whether your CCG commissions an anticoagulation service
   a. If confirmed, please provide details of the commissioning arrangements, including whether it is through i) block contract or ii) payment by results.

   NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group's anticoagulation services are commissioned via an Enhanced Services contract

   b. If confirmed, is your service located in i) primary ii) secondary care iii) in both primary and secondary care.

   NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group's service is located in primary care.

3. Please confirm or deny whether your CCG commissions an anticoagulation service under the Any Qualified Provider model
   a. If confirmed, please provide details of the commissioning arrangements.

   NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group do not commission anticoagulation services under Any Qualified Provider.

4. Please confirm or deny whether your CCG has made an assessment of the number of people using anticoagulation services in your area
   a. If confirmed, please provide details of the assessment.

   The number of people using anti-coagulation services is monitored as part of the Enhanced Services scheme.
5. Please confirm or deny whether your CCG has made an assessment of i) the total costs ii) the per patient costs of anticoagulation services in your area
   a. If confirmed, please provide details of the assessments.

   The Practice Base Commissioning providers are paid on a per patient basis.

6. Please confirm or deny whether the CCG has an agreement in place for enhanced service delivery of anticoagulation services
   a. If confirmed, please provide details of the enhanced service agreement.

   Please see above.

7. Please confirm or deny whether your CCG has a protocol for i) nonvalvular atrial fibrillation ii) deep vein thrombosis iii) pulmonary embolism
   a. If confirmed, please provide the protocols.

   Protocols for GPs are based on the appropriate clinical guidance i.e. (CG 36, CG92 etc.).

8. Please confirm or deny whether your CCG collects data on the experience of patients using anticoagulation services
   a. If confirmed, please provide details.

   As part of the Practice Base Commissioning Scheme, providers are required to put in place measures to seek feedback about the service.

9. Please confirm or deny whether your CCG collects data on the quality of anticoagulation services in your area
   a. If confirmed, please provide details of the quality measures that you use.

   NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group Providers are expected to report against a number of metrics that include number of people managed via the service and the percentage of readings that were in range.

10. Please confirm or deny whether your CCG has completed the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) commissioning and budgeting tool for anticoagulation services
   a. If confirmed, please provide details.

   NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group have completed the NICE tool for anticoagulation services.

11. Please confirm or deny whether your CCG has made an assessment of NHS England’s Catalogue of potential innovations
   b. If confirmed, please provide details including those innovations which are being adopted in your area.

   NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group have not made an assessment of all of NHS England’s Catalogue of Potential Innovations.
12. Please confirm or deny whether your CCG has made an assessment of the innovations i) ‘New oral anti-coagulants’ and ii) ‘Treatment of DVT and PE’ in NHS England’s *Catalogue of potential innovations*
   a. If confirmed, please provide details including how those innovations are being adopted in your area.

   Treatment using NOACs is in line with NICE Guidance (TA157, TA170, TA275)

13. Please confirm or deny whether your CCG has made an assessment of the need to reconfigure anticoagulation services in the light of developments in treatment
   a. If confirmed, please provide details of that assessment.

   All services are subject to review as part of the normal commissioning cycle.

14. Please confirm or deny whether your CCG has plans to reconfigure anticoagulation services in the light of developments in treatment
   a. If confirmed, please provide details of those plans.

   When services are reviewed, new treatments are incorporated into the review process where appropriate, and implemented within the CCG.