RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on 10 January 2014 by NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group. The information you have requested is listed below together with the response:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I have some questions directly relating to Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group and its telehealth services and would appreciate a response.

1) Do patients within the Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG area currently have access to Telehealth services?
   Yes they do

2) Which medical conditions do these telehealth services support? (e.g. CHF, COPD, Diabetes)
   Currently, heart disease, respiratory disease, and diabetes are supported as long as they are on a neighbourhood care team’s caseload to access Telehealth.

3) Which provider do you use for your Telehealth services?
   Equipment is WSD legacy equipment, referral and monitoring is provided by Kent Community Health NHS Trust. Decontamination, storage and Installation and maintenance are provided by Kent County Council.

4) How many people are currently using telehealth services in the CCG’s area (as of 10th January 2014)?
   There are currently 400 people using Telehealth services for all of Kent and Medway. The provider is currently unable to break this down on a CCG basis.

5) What is the annual budget for telehealth service delivery in 2013/14?
   Currently the budget is shared across Kent and Medway and NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG contributes to the funding on a fair shares basis.

6) How much does the CCG plan to spend on commissioning telehealth services for its population in 2014/15?
   Commissioning Intentions for 2014/15 are currently being finalised and any agreed budget for Telehealth services will be published in the CCG’s Operating Plan that will be
considered at a Public meeting of the Governing Body to be held on the 25 March 2014, and available on the website after the 4 April 2014.

7) **If a contract with a provider is in place for telehealth service delivery, when does this contract come up for renewal?**

Unable to answer this as the scope and design of integrated care services within the CCG is not yet complete. Until this is complete we will not be able to establish how Telehealth services will underpin the CCG Pathway re-design.