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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 11 February 2014 by NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group. The information you have requested is listed below together with the response:

With regards to local services commissioned by CCGs to providers including general practices:

1. Has your CCG commissioned any group contracts held by more than one GP practice? (for example to a group of practices to manage a local health outcome, such as diabetes?)

NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group have not commissioned any group contracts held by more than one GP Practice.

A, If yes, to how many GP practices? For which outcome, and what is the value and duration of the contract?

B, If not, are you or will you be considering such contracts to groups of GP practices?

NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group may consider this in the future.

2. Has your CCG commissioned any group contracts covering GPs and secondary/social/community services? If so to which outcome and value?

NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group have not commissioned any group contracts covering GPs and secondary/social/community services.

A, If not, what stopped you?

There is no specific reason, in the past contracts have been with individual providers.

B, If these types of contracts were more easily facilitated by payment systems, would you consider widening your use of them?

This is a possibility.
3. Has your CCG recommended that local GP practice enter into federations to bid more successfully for local services contracts?

NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group is in the process of formulating its Primary Care Strategy, and shall be facilitating meetings for practices to explore alternative models, such as federations in the near future.