I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act. Please note if your Commissioning Support Unit covers multiple CCGs please feel free to send back one response with the figures broken down by each CCG.

1. How much did your clinical commissioning group spend on inpatient care for mental health patients at non-NHS hospitals in 2012/13 and 2013/14 (so far – please list the date spend this year covers up to)?

NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group only came into being on 1 April 2013; therefore we do not hold information prior to April 2013. Mental health spend on in-patients by NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group for the period up to the end of January 2014 was £1,160,676.27.

2. What proportion of the above spend for each year was on a) forensic units and b) acute wards or psychiatric intensive care units?

We are no longer responsible for Forensic services and 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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There is also no way of splitting any expenditure on acute wards and or psychiatric intensive care units.

3. How many patients did the above spend get care for in 2012/13 and 2013/14?

NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group only came into being on 1 April 2013; therefore we do not hold information prior to April 2013. From April 2013, the number of in-patients up to the period of the end of January 2014 was 20.
4. How much did your CCG spend on mental health services in 2012/13 and 2013/14? How much have you budgeted to spend on mental health services in 2014/15?

We can confirm NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group has a budgetary allocation of £21,707,000 for mental health services in 2013/14.

In respect of the budget for 2014/15, we can confirm NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does hold the information you requested. NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG considers this information is exempt under section 21 of the Act as the information is reasonably accessible to the Applicant by another route. The information is held within the NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group Publication Scheme.

Please find the information you requested on the following link:

http://www.dartfordgraveshamswanleyccg.nhs.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=359463

5. Does your CCG commission a crisis house?

NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG does not commission a ‘crisis house’.