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Further to your request for information dated 10th February 2015 I can confirm that NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley (DGS) CCG holds the information you have requested, however we believe this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Information intended for future publication. Section 22(1) states “Information is exempt information if (a) the information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not). I can confirm that the information will be published at a future date by NHS England as part of their annual processes of publication.

As this is a qualified exemption, consideration has been taken as to whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption is greater than providing the information. In this instance, as the information is subject to review and amendment, the public interest in withholding the information in relation to this exemption is greater than disclosing it, as its disclosure could potentially result in partial, incomplete and/or incorrect information being published leading to confusion amongst those reviewing the plans. I have considered the need to be open and transparent, however as the information has not been reviewed there is the potential for it to change, and I therefore believe it is in the public’s interest to wait for the finalised document to be published by NHS England.