Further to your request for information dated 10 September 2015 the information requested is below:

PART 1 Questions:

1. Please tell me what the local only / local area only or local bound services contracts you have in place with GP Practices?

NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not have any such contracts in place.

2. I am interested to find out if there was a Choose and Book referral service this year available to them or were they contracted not to use it?

GPs were able to make referrals using the national Choose and Book system – they were not prohibited from using this.

3. Are there any local hospitals they are contracted to use only and not go outside the area?

No

4. Are there any restrictions to using only local secondary care dermatology department services and not outside the area?

No
PART 2 Questions:

1. Please tell me what the local only / local area only or local bound services contracts you have in place with local CCG hospitals?

The CCG has contracts in place with all hospitals in Kent and Medway, both NHS and non-NHS. The CCG also contracts with hospitals outside of the CCG area where there are significant patient flows to these providers.

2. I am interested to find out if there was local CCG hospitals to other CCG Hospitals referral service this year available to local CCG hospital consultants or were they contracted not to use it?

The wording of this question is unclear. However, secondary care consultants are able to make consultant to consultant referrals to other providers where this is appropriate for the individual patient’s care.

3. Are there any locally restrictive services such as only within the particular NHS Trust / CCG that the local CCG hospitals are contracted to use only and not go to other CCG hospitals?

No.

4. Are there any restrictions to using only CCG run dermatology services and not go to other CCG dermatology services hospitals?

No.