Further to your request for information dated 27 October 2015 the information requested is below:

1) We understand the CCG has representation on the following medicines management / prescribing / formulary committees:

   Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust Medicines Management Committee
   DG&S CCG Medicines Optimisation Team

Please confirm if this is correct.

Yes. NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is represented on the Darent Valley Hospital (DVH) NHS Trust Medicines Committee (MMC).

The CCG Medicines Optimisation Team is not a formal committee, but an operational team. The formal ‘DGS Medicines Optimisation Group’ is part of the CCG’s decision-making process. It deliberates on general prescribing and formulary issues and makes recommendations to the CCG’s Clinical Committee.

2) Does the CCG have representation on any other medicines management / prescribing / formulary committees? If so, please advise which.

   DVH NHS Trust Prescribing and Formulary Group (PFG) which reports into the DVH NHS Trust MMC.

3) Does the CCG take a lead role on any of the above committees? If so, please advise which.

   No (not for the MMC or PFG), but as local commissioner, the CCG plays a key part in these committees. The CCG’s own committees are chaired from within the CCG.

4) If the CCG does not take a lead role, please advise which CCGs take lead roles on the above committees.

   The CCG is represented on these groups which are led by the local trust (DVH).

5) Does the CCG, or any of the above committees on which it sits, reference a regional drug evaluation body (RDEB) for advice when determining products for formulary inclusion (such as London Medicines Evaluation Network, Wolfson Institute, a regional medicines information service etc)? If so, please advise which RDEB/s.

   Yes. The CCG references recommendations of the Kent and Medway Policy Recommendation and Guidelines Committee which deliberates mainly on interventions not appraised by NICE. The CCG also takes advice from the South East Commissioning Support Unit.
6) Which organisation / committee’s advice takes precedence when making local formulary decisions (RDEB or medicines management / prescribing / formulary committee)?

The CCG’s Clinical Committee.

7) We have the following formularies listed as used by the CCG:

Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust Formulary

Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG Formulary

Please confirm if this is correct and if not, please provide a link/copy of relevant formularies.

This is correct.

8) Are any of the above formularies dominant when making prescribing decisions or does this depend on therapy area?

Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG Formulary – is not dependent on therapy area.

9) If dependent on therapy area, please advise which formulary is dominant when making prescribing decisions for diabetes products.

N/A

10) Does your CCG work with any other CCGs as a federation? If so, which CCGs.

The CCG does not work with any other CCGs as a federation.

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