Further to your request for information dated 17 November 2015 the information requested is below:

**Population covered by your CCG**

**Question 1:** what is the total population of the area covered by your CCG?

Estimated 260,000

**Question 2:** what percentage of the population is over the age of 60 in the area covered by your CCG?

Approximately 22%

**Spend on eye care services**

**Question 3:** what is your predicted spend on eye care services this year (ie for the financial year 2015/16)? Please supply the figure in British Pound Sterling (GBP) and as a percentage of your total budget.

Estimated £4,809m (1.64%)

**Question 4:** what was your total spend on eye care services in the

(a) 2014/15 financial year
£5,257m (1.8%)

(b) 2013/14 financial year

£4,820m (1.56%)

(c) 2012/13 financial year

NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group was established with effect from 1 April 2013 and therefore does not hold the information requested for the financial year 2012/13.

Please supply the figure in British Pound Sterling (GBP) and as a percentage of your total budget.

Procuring eye care services:

Question 5: are you planning to commission any new eye care services over the next 24 months? If yes, which services and when?

NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group is planning to commission new eye care services. During the 2016/17 financial year a community based ophthalmology service is expected to be commissioned. The North Kent Clinical Commissioning Groups are currently out to procurement for this. This will offer minor eye conditions, stable glaucoma and post op cataract services.

Question 6: are you planning to make any changes to the commissioning arrangements of eye care services that are currently being delivered? If yes, what changes and by when?
NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group’s aim is to ensure that appropriate community provision is in place to ensure treatment closer to the patient’s home is adequate. This will occur during the 2016/17 financial year.

**Question 7: who is the named lead with responsibility for eye care within your CCG?**

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