Further to your request for information dated 2 December 2015 the information requested is below:

Please give details of any plans you have to re-tender any of your Community services, including the form of contract you plan to use (for instance, do you intend to use an “outcomes based contract”, or an alliance contract?)

The re-procurement of most of the Adult Community Services in NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group’s (CCG) area has been undertaken over the past 12 months. The process is now nearing its completion and we currently expect to be in a position to announce the preferred bidder on 7 January 2016.

There are currently no plans to re-commission Children’s Community Services.

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The Commissioner’s intents to do this has been highlighted in public meetings including the Governing Body of the CCG and the Annual General Meeting and through local and market events to ensure current and potential stakeholders are aware of the process. The contract is a fixed price based upon the delivery of high quality Adult Community Services to the population of North Kent with options over the 7 year term to move to an outcome based contract. The contract will be the standard NHS contract.

Have any services previously included in your CCG’s main community services contract since been contracted separately, or rolled into another contract? (For instance, sometimes audiology services or dermatology have been tendered individually, or older people’s services have been integrated across community and acute services).

Commissioners have specified that irrespective of which organisation is successful in the process, there should be no change to the types of services already provided prior to the appropriate and required consultations. Patients will continue to receive the same type of community services support as they have done previously. The current providers are the Kent Community Health
Foundation NHS Trust and Medway Community Health. Services that form part of the Adult community services contract are community nursing, intermediate care and community neuro rehabilitation; community hospital services, continence services and some specialist services e.g. podiatry and Speech and language therapy. A small number of adult services are excluded including physiotherapy and epilepsy as well as Children’s Services and Minor Injury Services.