Further to your request for information dated 21 January 2016 the information requested is below:

1. **Helicobacter pylori testing – Adults and Adolescents**
   
a. A list of the tests recommended/allowed to be used for the diagnosis of a Helicobacter pylori infection within your CCG.

   If it is suspected that a patient is suffering from this condition, they would initially have a blood test to rule out this condition. If the blood test comes back as positive, patients would be referred to Gastroenterology for onward treatment.

   b. If Helicobacter test INFAI is not on the recommended/allowed list, please provide a reason.

   NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group does not hold this information. For a response to this question, you would need to direct it to the relevant secondary care providers.

2. **Helicobacter pylori testing – Children**
   
a. A list of the tests recommended/allowed to be used for the diagnosis of a Helicobacter pylori infection in children within your CCG.

   If it is suspected that a patient is suffering from this condition, they would initially have a blood test to rule out this condition. If the blood test comes back as positive, patients would be referred to Gastroenterology for onward treatment.

   b. If Helicobacter test INFAI is not on the recommended/allowed list, please provide a reason.

   NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group does not hold this information. For a response to this question, you would need to direct it to the relevant secondary care providers.

3. **Changing a recommendation**
   
a. If a product/procedure is not on the recommended/allowed list, please can you advise regarding the process to be followed to have a product/procedure accepted on to the recommended/allowed list. Please can you advise of any associated contact details/information required for the process.

   Any product recommendations or proposals would be considered by the appropriate Medicines Management Committee.