Ref No: DGS 104  
19 September 2017

Dear

Further to your request for information dated 11 September 2017 the information requested is below

**Request 1**

Please tell us about first contact physiotherapy roles in General Practice in the areas covered by NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley CCG by answering the following:

(a) Please confirm/deny whether the areas covered by NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley CCG has any first contact physiotherapists in General Practice

Some of our physiotherapy providers rent space in our GP surgeries for the purpose of providing local physiotherapy services close to patients’ homes.

(b) If yes to Request 1(a) please confirm/deny whether this is a pilot

No.

(c) If yes to Request 1(a) please confirm/deny whether it is a permanent part of the service

Yes

(d) If yes to Request 1(b) please confirm/deny whether you have plans to roll out the pilot to other GP surgeries in the areas covered by NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley CCG
FUNDING OF FIRST CONTACT PHYSIOTHERAPISTS IN GENERAL PRACTICE

Request 2

Please tell us about how first contact physiotherapy roles in General Practice in your area are funded by answering the following:

(a) If yes to Request 1 (a) please confirm/deny whether this is funded all or in part by NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley CCG.

The CCG funds physiotherapy on a cost per case basis, irrespective of whether contact takes place in a GP practice or at the provider’s other premises.

(b) If yes to Request 1 (a) please confirm/deny whether this is funded all or in part by individual GP practice(s) a GP federation(s) or GP cluster(s)

N/A

(c) If yes to Request 1 (a) please confirm/deny whether this is funded all or in part from temporary funding

N/A

(d) If yes to Request 2 (c) please specify what this source of funding is (name of the fund)

N/A

WHERE ARE THE SERVICES THAT ARE USING FIRST CONTACT PHYSIOTHERAPIST ROLES IN GENERAL PRACTICE

Request 3

Please tell us more about which services are utilising first contact physiotherapists by answering the following:

(a) If yes to Request 1 (a) please provide the name of GP practices, GP federations and GP clusters in the areas covered by NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley CCG, that have first contact physiotherapists working in General Practice

The providers that offer services in GP practices as part of their physio service work in a number of the CCG’s practices.
(b) If yes to Request 1 (b) please provide the name of the physiotherapy provider who delivers a service that has a first contact physiotherapist working in General Practice.

The CCG's physio provision that includes services provided in GP practices is provided by Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust.

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