Dear

Freedom of Information Request

Further to your request for information dated 3 January 2018 information requested is below:

1. **Do you commission first line screening e.g. full 4 antibody IHC and/or MSI for molecular features of Lynch syndrome in all newly diagnosed bowel cancer patients?**

   NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not commission first line screening. The CCG has a protocol in place to refer patients to Guys Hospital.

   This is outlined in the Kent and Medway Cancer Collaborative Treatment of Colorectal and Anal Cancer Guidance, which is compiled taking into account the National and local guidelines. The Trusts follow this guidance and in this it clearly states the following:

   “Patients at risk of suspected genetic conditions such as lynch syndrome should be referred to the relevant genetics team for consideration for appropriate testing such as microsatellite instability (MSI)”

   Patients with a family history or at high risk for Lynch syndrome the process is that the patient would be referred to the genetics team at Guy’s Hospital.

2. **If first line screening is currently commissioned (either in all cases or as a subset) are second and third line genomic tests being commissioned in cases of MLH1 loss i.e. BRAF mutation and MLH1 promoter methylation, as per DG27 NICE guidance?**
Both BRAF mutation and MLH1 promoter methylation are commissioned

Only BRAF mutation is commissioned.

Only MLH1 promoter methylation is commissioned.

Neither are commissioned. Please specify why

3. If the full NICE guidance (DG27) is not currently implemented, do you intend to commission screening for molecular features of Lynch syndrome in all newly diagnosed bowel cancer patients across your area?

The CCG does not intend to commission DG 27. Guy's Hospital specialise in genetics, it is not always possible to have all services available at our local hospitals especially in areas of expertise, so the patient would benefit from a referral to Guys.

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