Ref No: DGS 196
31 January 2018

Dear

Freedom of Information Request

Further to your request for information dated 24 January 2018 relating to the commissioning of gender dysphoria the information requested is below.

The responsibility for commissioning ‘core’ gender dysphoria services is NHS England. If you have not already done so, you may like to contact them for this information at

NHS England
PO Box 16738
Redditch
B97 9PT

Email requests should be sent to england.contactus@nhs.net

Please write “Freedom of Information” in the subject line

NHS Dartford Gravesharn and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group’s Referral and Treatment Criteria (RaTC) includes mention of what NHS England terms as ‘non-core’ procedures (that is they are not exclusive to gender reassignment) and therefore these services are the commissioning responsibility of CCGs. The RaTC goes onto say

“Kent and Medway CCGs do not have a specific policy on funding of procedures for patients with gender dysphoria; funding will be available where the policy relating to the procedure in question indicates that patient is eligible. Appropriate individual funding requests (IFRs) will always be considered through Kent and Medway CCG’s IFR process”.

The CCG is unable to identify specific activity relating to ‘non-core’ procedures carried out in relation to gender dysphoria for the procedures it is responsible for commissioning as it does not receive patient level detail. The CCG advise you to contact the Kent and Medway CCG’s IFR service as they may hold this information for any procedures approved for funding through that route, but this may represent only a proportion of the activity.

The RaTC is a publically available document and can be found at

https://www.dartfordgraveshamswanleyccg.nhs.uk/?s=RaTC

Appendix A also contains details of the Kent and Medway CCGs’ IFR process.

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If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Clinical Commissioning Group. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioners Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 08456 306060 or 01625 54 57 45
www.ico.gov.uk

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