Dear

**Freedom of Information Request**

Further to your request for information dated 16 March 2018 the information requested is below.

**Are there pathways, like for example a DVT pathway, that allows patients to be looked after without needing A&E but having tests organised by general practice that traditionally were done in secondary care?**

Yes there are pathways in place as you have suggested for DVT. Where this is NICE guidance in place suggesting that tests should be organised by general practice, these will be followed.

**Is there new community services with support from secondary care (like hospital diabetes staff or mental health staff working within practices premises to allow more patients to be looked after in the primary care setting?**

Yes, there are integrated working practices in place as you have suggested in your question which are supported by a range of staff through multi-disciplinary teams. The CCG also commissions community/primary care providers to perform a range of services such as, but not limited to, some skilled surgery, basal cell carcinoma, ophthalmology services, ENT services, respiratory services for asthma, COPD and sleep apnoea and tele-dermatology services, as an example.

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