Dear

Freedom of Information Request

Further to your request for information dated 28 March 2018 the information requested is below/attached

- The number of Individual Funding Requests submitted by doctors to your organisation – broken down by the nature of the request: eg cataract surgery, hip or knee surgery, mental health treatment AND whether the request was approved or denied.

NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group received

90 Individual Funding Requests 2014/15
69 Individual Funding Requests 2015/16
104 Individual Funding Requests 2016/17

In 2014/15 the CCG received 22 IFRs for Abdominoplasty related requests, 34 IFRs for breast reduction, augmentation/mastopexy

Other areas where IFRs were requested included abductor laryngeal dystoria, adult onset skills, ankylosing spondylitis, blepharoplasty, blushing, cataract removal. However to provide specific numbers for the balance of the IFRs, the CCG believes this information is exempt under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 40 (2) which states

- Section 40 (2) Personal information provides an exemption where the information requested is personal data protected by the Data Protection Act, and it would contravene any of the principles in the Data Protection Act if the information were disclosed under the Act.
The CCG believes that this exemption is applicable as the number of patients requesting these treatments is less than 5 and it is believed that providing that information would provide sufficient information to identify the individuals involved therefore contravening the principles of the Data Protection Act.

In 2015/16 the CCG received a total of 90 Individual Funding Request which included 35 for plastics related surgery, 8 for assisted contraception and 9 for sterilisation. The balance of the requests were similar to those requested in 2014/15, however to provide specific numbers for any of the requests in that the CCG believes this information is exempt under the Freedom of Information Act as above.

In 2016/17 the CCG received a total of 104 IFRs, including 8 IFRs for assisted contraception, 35 for plastics related surgery and 9 for sterilisation. The remainder of the requests were similar to those received in 2014/15. However to provide specific numbers for any of these requests the CCG believes this information is exempt under the Freedom of Information Act as above.

- The date each area of treatment covered by an Individual Funding Request stopped being commissioned locally, if the CCG ever commissioned that treatment.

Please see attached.

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