Ref No: DGS 003
16 April 2018

Dear

Freedom of Information Request

Further to your request for information dated 2 April 2018 the information requested is below

1) The number of female cancer-related fertility preservation cycles funded in your CCG over the last 2 years from 1st January 2015 to 31st December 2017.

The data available to NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group does not provide this level of data.

2) Could you please state your criteria which you use to make a decision on funding.

Please see attached the eligibility criteria for ART.

3) Does your CCG restrict funding for fertility preservation based on:
   a. Age range
   b. BMI
   c. Previous children

   Yes, as per the attached criteria.

4) Do you still require fertility centres to fill in an exceptional funding application form?
Individual Funding Required (IFR) form would only be completed if the patient did not meet criteria, but the referrer felt that their case was clinically exceptional. If the patient meets criteria, then an IFR form is not needed.

5) **How long does it take for your CCG to process funding for fertility preservation?**

IFR Triage meetings are held on a weekly basis in Kent and Medway, and would consider any IFR applications where patients do not meet criteria.

6) **What is the duration of storage that is funded by your CCG?**

Up to 10 years after cryopreservation. See page 12 of the attached guidance for conditions of storage.

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