Dear

Freedom of Information Request

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

NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group’s Specialist Assessments and Placements Team does not routinely make placements to support living providers. The term ‘supported living’ would indicate a client is living independently i.e. with their own tenancy etc. and only receiving few hours support a day. The CCG would not routinely be involved in these care packages and in such instances, the NHS meets its responsibility via universally commissioned community service.

In addition, our patient management database does not record ‘supported living’ care packages which means that we do not have the ability to automatically interrogate our records to check whether there may have been any exceptions to the above. A manual exercise would be required to collate this data which the CCG believes would exceed 18 hours. As such it is reasonable to apply Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act which allows a public authority to refuse to deal with a request where it estimated that it would exceed the appropriate limit.

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