Ref No: DGS 010
17 April 2018

Dear

Freedom of Information Request

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

1. Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like to request the access criteria and clinical criteria which varicose veins patients at your CCG have to meet in order to be referred for interventional treatment under the NHS.

The access and clinical criteria for varicose veins for NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group is publicly available in the Referral and Treatment Criteria which is available on our website under the general surgery section. This document can be accessed using the following link


2. Please could you provide me with the number of varicose veins patients at your CCG who have been referred for interventional treatment under the NHS for the calendar years of (a) 2017 (b) 2016) and (c) 2015.

NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group is un able to give exact number of people who have been referred for varicose veins as this data would only show patients who have been referred to the general surgery speciality. However, the information below shows you the number of patients who have had procedures relating to varicose veins.
3. Please could you provide me with the number of varicose veins patients who did not fulfil the clinical criteria for interventional treatment at your CCG under the NHS, and therefore were not offered interventional treatment for the calendar years of (a) 2017 (b) 2016 and (c) 2015.

The CCG does not hold this information. The GP will decide when considering a referral whether the patients fits the criteria or not, and therefore does not refer the patient if this is not fulfilled and appropriate for the patient.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,