Dear

Freedom of Information Request

Further to your FOI request dated 21 May 2018 the information requested is below

Please can you advise me if your CCG is planning to commission one or more Hyper Acute Stroke Units (HASU) for your patients?

All eight Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Groups, including NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group CCG, have agreed there is a clear and compelling case for change for the way acute stroke services are currently delivered across Kent and Medway. NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley CCG has therefore recently formally consulted on proposals to change the way stroke services are currently commissioned and delivered; to introduce the 'hyper acute stroke unit' model; and to establish three hyper acute stroke units across Kent and Medway. The consultation has now closed. We anticipate XXX CCG, along with the other CCGs in Kent and Medway, Bexley CCG in South East London, and High Weald Lewes Haven CCG in East Sussex, will make a decision on whether to introduce hyper acute stroke units, and if so, where these would be located, towards the end of this year.

Further information can be found here: www.kentandmedway.nhs.uk/stroke

Has a business case been prepared for HASUs in your area? If so, please list any organisations who were paid to support the preparation of the business case and how much they were paid?

NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley CCG has been working on a review of acute stroke services in Kent and Medway jointly with the other CCGs in Kent and Medway, Bexley CCG in south east London and High Weald Lewes Havens CCG in
East Sussex. Working together the ten CCGs have produced a ‘pre-consultation business case’ which can be found at https://kentandmedway.nhs.uk/latest-news/jccgpapers_31_jan_18/.

Six firms were contracted to provide support to the pre-consultation phase of the Kent and Medway Stroke programme:

Costs exc VAT

- Capsticks: £14,133
- Carnall Farrar: £574,320
- Hood & Woolf: £89,802
- Mott MacDonald: £71,739.50
- PEA: £18,250
- Windfield Associates: £93,939

Please can you send me a copy of the business case?

The Pre Consultation Business Case is available for download via: https://kentandmedway.nhs.uk/latest-news/jccgpapers_31_jan_18/

If you already have one or more HASUs in place, please can you send me any internal or external evaluations that have taken place?

There are no HASUs currently in place in Kent and Medway.

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