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Dear

Freedom of Information Request – DGS 082

Thank you for your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) on 31 July 2018. The information you have requested is below

1. **Which procedures in 2013/14 were always subject to individual funding requests?**

   Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Groups have a list of treatments/procedures which are either subject to access criteria or are not routinely funded. Please see attached a copy of this list (Referral and Treatment Criteria) dated May 2013.

2. **Which procedures as of 1 April 2018 are always subject to individual funding requests?**

   As above, Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Groups have a list of treatments/procedures, which are either subject to access criteria or are not routinely funded. Please see attached a copy of this letter (Referral and Treatment Criteria) dated December 2017.

3. **How many individual funding requests has the CCG received in each financial year going back to 2013. How many of these has it denied? Please detail what the procedures were.**

   Please see attached spreadsheet for details of the procedures.
We hope that this has dealt with your request for information however, should you remain dissatisfied, you have the right to request that we conduct an internal review of your request. If you would like us to conduct such a review please contact us within two months of this letter using the contact details below:

E-mail: swccg.northkent.foi@nhs.net
Post: FOI, NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group, 2nd Floor, Gravesham Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU.

Your request for an internal review will then be processed in accordance with our Freedom of Information Policy, a copy of which can be found on our website:

www.dartfordgraveshamswanleyccg.nhs.uk

If you are still dissatisfied following the internal review, you have the right under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner provides full and detailed guidance on the Freedom of Information Act, and on when and how to complain.

Please find below the link to their website page and their helpline number.
https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/official-information/
Helpline number: 0303 123 1113

In line with the Information Commissioner’s directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. An anonymised version of our response will therefore be posted on our website.

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