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Dear

Freedom of Information Request – DGS

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 4 September 2018. The information you have requested is below.

- **Does the CCG operate a Grant Scheme?**

  NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group does not normally operate a Grant Scheme but there is one Grant agreement in operation that was established with a Voluntary Sector organisation as a pilot scheme.

- **If yes, what is the total value of grants awarded and to how many organisations?**

  The Scheme is awarded to Carer First who sub-contract with Carers Support in Swale which ensures equity of provision across by both NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group (DGS) and NHS Swale Clinical Commissioning Group.

  The total value of the scheme for DGS is £137,427.

- **What is the grant application process - can I have a copy of the form used?**

  The NHS Standard grant agreement was used for this service.

- **What duration are Grants awarded for? if various lengths then typical length lease please**

  The Grant agreement was originally for one year but has been extended to 2 years.
Do you award services to charities and voluntary organisations through formal competitive & compliant processes

NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group does award services to charities and voluntary organisations through formal competitive and complaint process.

If yes, how many NHS Standard contracts do you currently have with CVO’s and what is their total value?

There is a total of 7 NHS contracts held. The total value is unknown as four of these are paid on a cost per case basis.

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.