Dear

Freedom of Information Request – DGS 106

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

1. How many cycles of IVF treatment do you offer eligible women?

   NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group offer eligible women two cycles of IVF treatment.

2. Do you offer women aged between 40 and 42 one full cycles of IVF? Please respond yes or no.

   NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group does not offer women aged between 40 and 42 one full cycle of IVF.

3. (a) What is the maximum age a woman can be to be eligible for IVF treatment?

   A woman has to be a maximum of 39 to be eligible for IVF treatment and have to have been trying to conceive for the previous 2 years or investigations show there is no chance of pregnancy with expectant management.

   (b) What is the minimum age a woman can be to be eligible for IVF treatment?

   23 years old.

4. What was the minimum and maximum age a woman was eligible for IVF treatment in 2013?

   The maximum age was 40 years old in 2013, and this remains the case in the current financial year. In 2013 a woman had to be a minimum of 23 years old to access IVF
treatment, but now treatment is available to women under the age of 23 that meet all other relevant criteria.

5. (a) Do you have any age restrictions for men for a couple to be eligible for IVF treatment with you? Please respond yes or no.

NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group does not have any age restrictions for men for a couple to be eligible for IVF treatment.

5 (b) if so, what is the oldest a man can be in order for a couple to be eligible for treatment?

N/A

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.