Dear

Freedom of Information Request – DGS 123

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 10 October 2018. The information you have requested is below.

1. Please supply the name, job title, email address and telephone number of the Commissioner with responsibility for commissioning Complex Care packages, for adults (aged 18-64) with complex physical or neurological disabilities.

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2. Please provide the total number of adults receiving Continuing Healthcare (CHC) funded packages of care;

a) At year-end 2017/18

215

b) New placements during the year 2017/18

838

3. Please provide the total number of adults with the following conditions receiving CHC funded packages of care in 2017/18 – at year-end and new
placements during the year. If data not available for 2015/16, please provide 2014/15 data;

a) Acquired brain injury (ABI)

b) Stroke

c) Huntington’s Disease
d) Multiple sclerosis

e) Spinal injury

f) Other neurological conditions e.g. Pick’s disease, Korsakoff’s syndrome, muscular dystrophy, Parkinson’s disease, motor neurone disease (MND) – please state which conditions are included in your response

NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group’s (CCG) Database does not record patient diagnosis as Continuing Health Care (CHC) is provided on the basis of healthcare need and not on the basis of particular clinical diagnosis. It is therefore not possible to provide a breakdown of active patient numbers according to the requested list of conditions and care setting.

4. How many of those adults (in question 3) are cared for in Care Home and Hospital settings?

a) Acquired brain injury (ABI)

b) Stroke

c) Huntington’s Disease
d) Multiple sclerosis

e) Spinal injury

f) Other neurological conditions e.g. Pick’s disease, Korsakoff’s syndrome, muscular dystrophy, Parkinson’s disease, motor neurone disease (MND) – please state which conditions are included in your response

The CCG’s Database does not record patient diagnosis as Continuing Health Care (CHC) is provided on the basis of healthcare need and not on the basis of particular clinical diagnosis. It is therefore not possible to provide a breakdown of active patient numbers according to the requested list of conditions and care setting.

5. Please provide the total expenditure on CHC funded packages of care for financial years 2014/15 and 2015/16, and the CHC expenditure on Care Home and Hospital placements over the same period. If expenditure for 2015/16 is not yet available, please provide projected expenditure.
6. Please provide the list of providers that received this funding.

Across the CCG’s Specialist Assessment and Placements Team the following providers were utilised.

Please see the attached table

7. What is the highest rate paid per week for a Complex Care (CHC funded) placement?

£7,719

8. What is the lowest rate paid per week for a Complex Care (CHC funded) placement?

The CCG’s Patient Management Database does not record patient diagnosis as CHC is provided on the basis of healthcare need and not on the basis of particular clinical diagnosis. It is therefore not possible to identify the cohort of “Complex Care” patients in order to respond to this question. The CCG is also unclear of the definition of “Complex Care” and if you would like to provide clarity on this, the CCG would be happy to look into providing you with further details.

9. What is the highest rate paid per week for a Complex Care (CHC funded) placement for:
   a) Acquired brain injury (ABI)
   b) Stroke
   c) Huntington’s Disease
   d) Multiple sclerosis
   e) Spinal injury

10. What is the lowest rate paid per week for a Complex Care (CHC funded) placement for:
   a) Acquired brain injury (ABI)
   b) Stroke
   c) Huntington’s Disease
d) Multiple sclerosis
e) Spinal injury

The CCG’s Patient Management Database does not record patient diagnosis as CHC is provided on the basis of healthcare need and not on the basis of particular clinical diagnosis. It is therefore not possible to provide a breakdown of the highest rates paid according to the requested list of conditions.

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.