Dear

Freedom of Information Request – DGS 152

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 December 2018. The information you have requested is listed below together with the response:

1. **Is the CCG the ‘host body’ under local section 75 agreements relating to the BCF?**

   NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group does not hold this information. If you have not already done so, you may like to contact Kent County Council who may hold this information:

   Information Resilience and Transparency Team
   Kent County Council
   Room 2.87
   Sessions House
   County Hallo
   Maidstone
   Kent ME14 1XQ

   Email freedomofinfromation@kent.gov.uk

2. **What was the total pooled Better Care Fund budget for 2016-17 and 2017-18, including the CCG minimum allocation, grants and additional funding from the CCG or Local Authority?**

   Please see question 1 above.

3. **How much from the total pooled Better Care Fund budget was spent on carers’ breaks in 2016-17 and 2017-18?**

   Please see question 1 above.
4. Did the CCG provide any funding for carers’ breaks outside of the Better Care Fund in 2016-17 and 2017-18?
   a. Either directly funded by the CCG? If yes, how much in each year?
      
      2016/17 £146k
      2017/18 £208k

   b. Or through the Local Authority? If yes, how much in each year?
      
      N/a

5. Please send your local Better Care Fund plan for 2017-19

   Please see question 1 above.

6. What provision is made through health services for carers breaks?

   £215k

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.