Dear

Freedom of Information Request – DGS 176

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 January 2019. The information you have requested is listed below together with the response:

- **Do you delegate / outsource any home visiting services within your CCG?**
  How many years has this service been in place?

  NHS Dartford Gravesham has outsourced home visiting services since 9 January 2019 for a 12 month pilot.

- **How is this managed? Including: how does the patient access the visit + how are 'suitable' patients selected for this service; who visits (e.g. GP, paramedic); how are they paid (by the practice, directly by CCG or other) and how much is this service costing each year?**

  This is managed through a host provider. Accessed via patient contact into GP/Practice and GP/Practice determines if clinically a home visit is required (i.e. as would normally be determined) and decision made by the GP/Practice whether the home visit will be undertaken by themselves or through the ‘delegated’ home visiting service based on clinical need/service criteria (NB. As this is a pilot the criteria may evolve). If visit conducted by ‘delegated’ home visiting service, this is through a Paramedic Practitioner/Advanced Nurse Practitioner with links back to the GP Practice. The ‘delegated’ home visiting service is funded through the CCG. Cost is £149k

- **Have you conducted / commissioned any evaluations of this service (and if so, please could you provide me with a copy)?**

  This will be evaluated at the end of the pilot.
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 Gravesend and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group, 2nd Floor, Gravesend 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.