Freedom of Information Request – DGS 173

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

- **If Continuing Healthcare assessments are carried out by CCG employees or outsourced? If they are outsourced please can you tell me which company carries them out**
  
  NHS Continuing Healthcare assessments are carried out by NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group employees.

- **What criteria the CCG, or outsourced company, uses to determine whether a person is eligible for CHC funding. Please provide any checklist or similar documents that are used to make the assessment**
  
  The National Framework criteria is followed to determine whether a person is eligible for CHC funding. Please see attached.

- **how many retrospective CHC claims have been received by the CCG over the past 5 years and how many were successful in their application for funding**
  
  The CCG has received 59 requests of which 35 were found to be eligible in part or in full.

- **what criteria is used to make a decision on CHC claims that are retrospective. Please provide any checklist or similar documents used**
  
  The National Framework criteria is followed to determine whether a person is eligible for CHC funding. Please see attached.

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, 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.