Dear

Freedom of Information Request – DGS 175

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

In relation to the current financial year (18/19) could you please provide me with information relating to the first 20 occasions in which you sanctioned the use of a patient’s Personal Health Budget (PHB) to be spent on something that was NOT for the provision of care, medicine, or transport to a place where care or medicine was provided.

For the financial year 2018/19 there have not been any such occasions within NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group.

1. For each of these 20 occasions please state (i) what the money was spent on and (ii) how much money was spent on it and (iii) what was the outcome the patient was working towards as a result of this spend?

N/a

To be clear, what I am after is any capital expenditure which is not immediately apparent as of a medical purpose. So a specialist bed would be medical and I would not want to know about it, but a large screen television for a patient with vision problems would be something that I am be interested in, as somebody not familiar with the case would not be able to tell that the set had been bought because of the patient’s vision problems.

Request covers both adults and children.
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.