8 March 2019

Dear

Freedom of Information Request – DGS 205

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 20 February the information you have requested is below.

1. **Do you fund a specialist parent infant service?**

Please note that Specialist parent-infant services (also known as parent-infant relationship or infant mental health services) work with families with babies and toddlers, where parents or caregivers are experiencing the most severe, complex and/or persistent difficulties in their early relationships with their babies. They offer intensive, specialised work for families whose needs cannot be met by universal services alone. These services are typically multidisciplinary teams of highly skilled professionals with specialist expertise. They might include individual or group work, at home or in community settings. **Specialist parent-infant services are different from specialist perinatal mental health services.** Parent-infant services focus on the relationship between parent(s) and their babies, primarily to support parents to interact with their babies in a way that protects and promotes the emotional wellbeing and development of the baby. In contrast, perinatal mental health services are specifically for mothers with severe perinatal mental illness and focus on treating the mothers’ mental health, although they should also support her relationship with her baby.

NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning does fund a specialist parent infant service.

2. **If the answer to question 1 was yes, please tell us the name of this service?**

The service is provided by North East London Foundation Trust (NELFT)
3. Please fill in the table to tell us about the referral policy, referral numbers and service user numbers within your CAMHS service.

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<th>Birth – 12 months</th>
<th>1 year</th>
<th>2 years</th>
<th>All children 0-18</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>A. Does your camhs service accept referrals for children of this age? (yes/no)</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>B. How many referrals have been received for children of this age over a 12 month period?</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>3896</td>
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<td>C. How many children of this age have accessed the service over a 12 month period?</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>3081</td>
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* Age calculated from referral date

** Age calculated from event date. Face to face and telephone contact only.

The information provided above is based on Kent wide figures. The provider of this service is unable at the current time to individualise the figures for each Clinical Commissioning Group.

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.