Dear

Freedom of Information Request – DGS 218

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 19 March 2019, the information requested is below:


NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group’s Specialist Assessment and Placements Team (SAPT) patient management database records patients referred to the team who are confirmed to be S117 eligible.

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Question 2: How many in each year were a) approved in line with the financial cost submitted? b) approved for a different level of financial cost? c) not approved or the requests were not pursued further in the absence of additional information requested to consider the request?

I can confirm that NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group holds information that falls within the description specified above; however we have estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider your request. The appropriate limit is specified in the Freedom of Information Act (2000) and is set at £450 for 18 staff hours. This represents the estimated cost of determining whether NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley CCG holds the
information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Consequently, NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley CCG is not obliged under Section 12 of the Act to respond to your request and we will not be processing your request further.

In total there are 51 records to be reviewed which would involve

- Review of electronic patient file
- Review of patient database records
- Retrieval of patient records from and archive (and associated cost)
- Managerial support / review of findings

In total there are 51 records and it is estimated that a time requirement of 30 – 60 minutes per case will be required and would therefore take between 25.5 and 51 hours to provide you with a full response to your request.

Should you wish to change or narrow the scope of your request, NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley CCG may be able to provide the information free of charge, because it would cost less than the appropriate limit to do so. Any reformulated request we receive will be treated as a fresh FOI request. Should you require any assistance with narrowing and re-submitting your request, please contact the Information Services Manager on dgs.ccg@nhs.net

Question 3: What local arrangements do your CCG have in place with relevant Local Authorities for agreeing the joint funding of costs relating to appropriate and agreed after care costs due under S117 Mental Health Act?

Costs are apportioned between the CCG and the Local Authority through undertaking Camberwell assessment of need utilising:

- CANDID assessment for learning disability care.
- CANE assessment for older peoples care.
- CANFOR assessment for forensic / mental health care.

Question 4: How are the financial contributions of the respective organisations determined? Are respective contributions determined on an individual service user basis or are they determined in accordance with a general agreement on respective funding shares?

Costs are apportioned between the CCG and the Local Authority through undertaking Camberwell assessment of need utilising:

- CANDID assessment for learning disability care.
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Individual patient basis.

**Question 5:** If funding is determined with reference to a general agreement on financial shares, what proportion is paid by the CCG and what proportion is paid by the Local Authority?

Not applicable

**Question 6:** If funding is determined on a case by case basis by what process are the respective shares determined?

Costs are apportioned between the CCG and the Local Authority through undertaking Camberwell assessment of need utilising:

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**Question 7:** If the respective shares have been agreed on a general basis, by what process were the respective shares determined and what factors were taken into consideration?

Not applicable

**Question 8:** Can you please forward copies of any Local Agreement or Policy which outlines the process and respective shares?

Please see attached.

**Question 9:** If there is a local agreement in place, when is this next due for review?

This is currently under review.

**Question 10:** What processes do you have in place for reviewing the ongoing appropriateness and need for ongoing S117 after care funding?

Scheduled patient case reviews are undertaken 3 months after initially being found eligible, 6 months after that and annually thereafter. Review will also be undertaken in the event of a change in need / safeguarding or other similar development.

**Question 11:** How many S117 payments have ceased during the three financial years – 206/2017, 2017/2018, and 2018/2019 to date?
2016/17 1
2017/18 2
2018/19 6

**Question 12:** How many of these, in each of the three years, were due to the service user no longer being deemed eligible or needing after care support.

Patient eligibility is ongoing from the point first confirmed.

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 Swale Clinical Commissioning Group, Bramblefield Clinic, Grovehurst Road, Kemsley Sittingbourne Kent ME10 2ST

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](http://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.
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.