DGS 229
3 April 2019

Dear

Freedom of Information Request – DGS 225

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 22 March 2019, the information requested is below:

1. Do you have an official policy on dealing with individual funding requests and if so, will you share it?

Please see attached the Kent and Medway CCG’s Policy and Operating Procedures for Individual Funding Requests.

2. How many individual funding requests has your CCG received in each of the last three calendar years?

Please refer to the table below

3. How many individual funding requests has your CCG approved in each of the last three calendar years?

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4. How many individual funding requests has your CCG rejected in each of the last three calendar years?

Please refer to the table below

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* Agreed - meets access criteria/Approved - approved by IFR Panel on the basis of rarity or clinical exceptionality.
5. Can you provide a list of the treatments that have been funded through an individual funding request?

Please see the attached breakdown of Individual Funding Requests and their outcomes.

6. Can you provide a list of the treatments that have been declined following an individual funding request?

Please see the attached breakdown of Individual Funding Requests and their outcomes.

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

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.