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Dear Ms Lucas

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on 19 December 2012 by one or all three of the three primary care trusts in NHS Kent and Medway.

All answers relate to NHS West Kent, NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent and NHS Medway unless otherwise indicated. The information that you requested is listed below together with a response in each case:

1) The overall total of GP surgeries in your trusts area

NHS West Kent	NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent	NHS Medway
112	112	60

2) The overall total of GP surgeries in your trusts area who are currently in receipt of direct enhanced services and are therefore expected to offer annual health checks for people with a learning disability.

Clarification requested for the following: Can you please clarify whether you mean the NHS Health Check, which is a rolling five year rolling programme and not an annual service or whether you mean one of the other health checks, such as the well-man, well-woman, over 75's checks.

Clarification received: I am referring to annual health checks for people with a learning disability, akin to the Cardiff Health Check: http://www.easyhealth.org.uk/sites/default/files/Cardiff_Health_Check.pdf

NHS West Kent	NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent	NHS Medway
58	88	27

- 3) This number as a percentage of the total number of GP surgeries within your trusts area.

NHS West Kent	NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent	NHS Medway
58½%	78½%	45%

- 4) The names of those GP surgeries in your trusts area currently in receipt of direct enhanced services and therefore offering annual health checks .

Please see attachment 1

- 5) Any postcode districts within your trusts region that have no GP surgeries in receipt of direct enhanced services and therefore no GP surgeries offering annual health checks.

Please see attachment 1. Please note: the highlighted post codes are the areas/GP surgeries that are not in receipt of direct enhanced services for learning disabilities.

I hope that this has dealt with your questions but if you are not satisfied with the way your request has been dealt with, please feel free to contact me directly. If you remain unhappy, you may approach our Chief Executive in writing at:

Chief Executive
NHS Kent and Medway
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Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome 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.

http://www.ico.gov.uk/complaints/freedom_of_information.aspx

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. Therefore, a version of our response, which will protect your anonymity, will be posted on the NHS Kent and Medway website.

Yours sincerely

Janet McCartney
Freedom of Information/Data Protection Act Manager

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