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Dear Mr Martin

Freedom of Information Request

Further to your Freedom of Information Request dated 30 July 2018

1. Currently which of the above interventions do you not fund?

Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group have a list of treatments/procedures that are either subject to access criteria or are not routinely funded. Please see attached a copy of this list (Referral and Treatment Criteria).

Please note – the CCG does not hold criteria for snoring surgery in the absence of OSA or arthroscopic SAD for subacromial pain)

2. Of the above category 1 and 2 interventions, which of these do providers currently have to apply for funding approval prior to performing the intervention?

As above, Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Groups have a list of treatments/procedures that are either subject to access criteria or are not routinely funded. Please see attached.

3. Of the interventions which require funding approval, how many applications have been accepted and how many rejected over the last year, broken down for each intervention?

From June 2018 to July 2018 the attached applications have been managed by the Kent and Medway CCG Individual Funding Request (IFR Team). However, as per the attached (attachment 1) for some procedures, which have access criteria, referrers are permitted to proceed with treatment without prior approval being

needed. The figures held by the IFR team therefore only reflect those where approval has been sought. Please see attachment (2)

4. What do you estimate your annual costs are in terms of the administration of the system of applying for funding approval including appeals? (approximately how many staff hours are invested in this and what is the cost of these staff hours and the resources required to carry out this work)

£74,613.96 per annum – this is the annual budget NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group pay to the Commissioning Support Unit to provide the IFR function. In terms of the additional detail you have requested re staff hours, the CCG is unable to provide this information. This is due to the IFR team covering a number of clinical commissioning groups, including Kent and Medway, and some in London, so the CCG is unable to determine which proportion of their time is dedicated to NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning group.

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Yours sincerely,

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