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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Kent and Medway STP.

Q: Please can the STP provide the following information regarding external management support, under the FOI act:

- a) The name(s) of any external company or organisation which has provided management support to the STP to date*
- b) The total amount of money each external company or organisation has received from the STP to provide this management support*
- c) A description of the nature of the management support that has been provided by each external company or organisation*

The cost of external support used in the development of the Kent and Medway STP, in 2015/16 and 2016/17, was £3,221,813. This provided additional essential support, expertise and capacity that would not have otherwise been available. This is not purely management consultancy support. External consultants working closely with medical and other directors, chief executives, clinical chairs, social care leaders and teams of health and social care staff across eight clinical commissioning groups, seven NHS provider organisations, two local authorities and other health and care partners. But these in-house NHS and social care staff are all also doing their substantive, full-time jobs; leading and delivering the day-to-day work of health and social care services in the region. They do not have the capacity, nor necessarily the experience and specific skillsets, required to deliver this work within the timescales required without additional external support.

- Carnall Farrar: £2,972,123 - strategy, analytics and modelling and programme management
- MGWR: £120,447 - programme management
- Hood & Woolf Ltd: £113,043 - public engagement and communications
- Rostill Associates: £16,200 - programme management

You can find further information about the STP Case for Change and answers to commonly asked questions on the dedicated STP website www.kentandmedway.nhs.uk.