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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 Sustainability and Transformation Plan, PFI contracts and outer cladding.

- 1. The cost to date of the management and consultancy fees for the Sustainability and Transformation Plan.*
- 2. What is the annual cost of the PFI contracts to the NHS for the three PFI hospitals, Darenth Valley, Pembury and Gravesend Community?*
- 3. Do any of these three hospitals have combustible outer cladding and do they fully comply with all safety standards?*

1. Regarding your query about the costs to date of the management and consultancy fees for the Kent and Medway Sustainability and Transformation Plan, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust hosts the budget for the Kent and Medway Sustainability and Transformation Partnership on behalf of all NHS organisations in Kent and Medway, Kent County Council and Medway Council.

We can confirm the cost of external support used by the Kent and Medway Sustainability and Transformation Partnership, 2016/17 - £3,370,689 2017/18 (YTD) - £3,161,210. This provided additional essential support, expertise and capacity that would not have otherwise been available, particularly in the areas of modelling and analytics; strategy development; and programme management.

External consultants are not doing this alone: they are 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.

2. With regards to your question about the annual cost of PFI contracts to the NHS for the three PFI hospitals, Darent Valley, Tunbridge Wells Hospital and Gravesham Community, we only hold this information for Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust and can only answer this with regard to our responsibility for The Tunbridge Wells Hospital at Pembury. The annual cost of the PFI unitary payment for Pembury is £23,888,449.37 for 2017/18.

3. Both Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells hospitals comply with applicable building regulations.

You will need to contact Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust with your request for information about Darent Valley Hospital, and NHS Property Services with your request for information about Gravesham Community Hospital. You can contact them at the following addresses:
DVHFreedomofInformation@dvh.nhs.uk and information@property.nhs.uk .
Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust does not hold information on these hospitals.