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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 & Medway STP forwarded to us by the STP for our administration service.

You asked:

1. Please provide all details of the current situation as regards funding for the Kent and Medway Stroke plans.

2. Is the money for all three new HASU units guaranteed, or is there a risk that the funds might not be forthcoming for any reason

STP response:

1. This information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act as the information is accessible by other means. Information about the funding for the new hyper acute stroke units is published in the decision making business case.

Any further information we hold related to funding, that is not already published, is exempt under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act as it is intended for future publication and it is reasonable to withhold it until publication.

2. The information relating to the first part of your question is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act as the information is accessible by other means. As described in the decision making business case a funding envelope of £32m for the new hyper acute stroke units has been agreed by the NHS England Investment Committee, and a final bid for capital monies is being made to NHS England and NHS Improvement to implement based on a detailed business case developed following the agreement of the preferred option. The second part of your question is not a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. We cannot speculate on scenarios that may happen in the future.