

Question to the Health, Integration and Commissioning Select Committee – 4 July 2018**Question submitted by Liz Sawyer**

How much was SCC cross charged in the 2017/18 financial year for sexual health services provided to patients outside of the services commissioned by SCC?

Response

The Committee has asked Surrey County Council to respond to your question and has received the following response:

‘Since 1 April 2013, Local Authorities in England have been mandated to ensure that open access, confidential sexual health services are available to all people who present in their area (whether resident in that area or not). The requirement for Genito-Urinary Medicine (GUM) and Contraception and Sexual Health (CaSH) services to be provided on an open access basis is stipulated in the Local Authorities (Public Health Functions and Entry to Premises by Local Healthwatch Representatives) Regulations 2013 (“the Regulations”).

This means that Surrey residents are able to access out of county services and our local provider provides services to non-Surrey residents. The activity is cross charged at the locally commissioned rate and supported by backing data. Surrey is part of a South East Commissioners network that has developed a regional policy that addresses cross charging and to ensure that there is a consistent approach.

CNWL are commissioned to provide sexual health services by Surrey County Council on an integrated tariff for the majority of service delivery meaning Surrey County Council only pay for the activity that they deliver. Similarly CNWL will receive payment from out of area commissioners for services delivered to their residents.

The out of area budget and spend for 2017-18 and 2016-17 are below:

2017-18

Original Budget: £1,913,000.00

Spend to date*: £1,855,256.71

2016-17

Original Budget: £1,809,000.00

Spend: £2,109,186.00

**There are a number of invoices that we are still in the process of validating in line with the South East Cross Charging Policy’*

Dr Zully Grant-Duff

Chairman – Health, Integration and Commissioning Select Committee

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