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Dear Ms Boland,

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 dated 25th September 2009. The information that you requested is listed below together with a response in each case:

1 Can you identify the locations and frequency of access to Genito Urinary Medicine that are currently available for patients in West Kent?

CULVERDEN SUITE KENT & SUSSEX HOSPITAL MOUNT EPHRAIM TUNBRIDGE WELLS KENT TN4 8AT TEL: 01892 632904	Opening Times by appointment only: Monday – 9.00 – 12 noon; 2.00 – 5.00 pm Tuesday – 9.00 – 12 noon; 1.00 – 5.00 pm Wednesday – 9.00 – 12 noon Thursday – 9.00 – 12 noon; 2.00 – 5.00 pm; 6.00 – 8.00 pm Friday – 9.00 – 12 noon
PRESTON HALL HOSPITAL LONDON ROAD AYLESFORD KENT ME20 7NJ TEL: 01622 225713	Opening Times by appointment only Monday – 9.00 – 12 noon; 2.00 – 5.00 pm Tuesday – 9.00 – 12 noon; 1.00 – 6.00 pm Wednesday – 9.00 – 12 noon Thursday – 9.00 – 12 noon; 2.00 – 5.00 pm Friday – 9.00 – 12 noon
Darent Valley Hospital Renton Clinic Darenth Wood Road Dartford Kent DA2 8DA For appointments and advice: Tel: 01322 428740	Opening Times by appointment only: Monday – 9.00– 5.00 pm Tuesday – 9.00– 6.30 pm Wednesday – 9.00 – 5.00 pm Thursday – 9.00 - 6.030 pm Friday – 9.00 – 5.00 pm Nurse follow up clinics commence at 8.15 am

2 The main centres for consultations are in urban areas can you please clarify what clinics are to be held in these locations in the future, and if any are planned in more rural areas?

There are Contraceptive and Sexual Health Clinics provided across West Kent. Details of these can be found on our website at www.westkentpct.nhs.uk. The clinics provide a range of services related to sexual health ranging from contraceptive advice to Chlamydia screening. In addition to clinics there are services provided by Pharmacies as well, details of these are in the attachment as well

3 Can you highlight what consideration been made for ease of access for patients?

As above. Some CASH clinics have drop in facilities.

4 Can you clarify whether there is a freely accessible “drop in” GU clinic every day available for patients in each main urban area, and where they are?

Response is in 1 above.

5 Is the clinic in Tunbridge Wells which covers Maidstone operating at the moment and if not can you please explain why?

The clinic in Tunbridge Wells which covers Maidstone is open at the moment and always has been. No clinics have been cancelled.

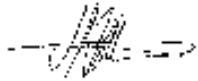
I hope that this deals fully with your questions but if you are not satisfied with the way we have dealt with your request please feel free to contact me in the first instance. If you remain dissatisfied you may approach our Chief Executive in writing at:

Chief Executive
NHS West Kent
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Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have the right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting:

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545745
E-mail: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helen Potton', written over a dashed horizontal line.

Helen Potton
Interim Assistant Director Corporate Management