Freedom of Information Request - FOI2024/026

16 April 2024

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request.

1. How many clinical coders are employed by the Trust?
2. Who is responsible for the clinical coding Team? (i.e Who is the Clinical Coding Manager)
3. Do you have an NHS England approved auditor?
4. Do you have an NHS England approved trainer?
5. What encoder software is used by the clinical coding team?
6. What directorate does clinical coding sit under?
7. What does the Trust spend on external coding support per year a) contractors b) other outsourced coding support c) coding training d) coding audit
8. What is the current coding backlog?

I have considered your request and have set out the Trust's response below:

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2. In accordance with the Information Commissioner's Office guidance on disclosure of data about employees, I consider the name and contact details of staff who are not at a high level of seniority to constitute their personal data, as defined by the UK General Data Protection Regulations. As such, this information is refused under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
3. Yes
4. No
5. 3 M's Medicode
6. Finance
7a. £70K on contractors
7b. None
7c. £10Kon training
7d. In-house
7. None

Yours sincerely,
Freedom of Information Officer