



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-031

Date: 22nd October 2024

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 11th April 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding clinical reporting

On 11th April 2024 we contacted you via email with the following:
To continue with your request we require clarification the timeframe you are referring to

On 29th May 2024 you replied via email with:
'As per question 8, we are looking at the last financial year please.'

Q1 Please could you provide answers to the following questions for the Trust:

How many clinical coders are employed by the Trust?

A1 38 WTE

Q2 Who is responsible for the clinical coding Team? (i.e Who is the Clinical Coding Manager)

A2 Janice Brady, Head of Data Quality & Clinical Coding

Q3 Do you have an NHS England approved auditor?

A3 We have 2 approved auditors

Q4 Do you have an NHS England approved trainer?

A4 We have an approved trainer

Q5 What encoder software is used by the clinical coding team?

A5 Solventum Medicode encoder

Q6 What directorate does clinical coding sit under?

A6 Performance directorate

Q7 What does the Trust spend on external coding support per year a) contractors b) other outsourced coding support c) coding training d) coding audit

A7 No substantive costs for agency. Annual contract for E-learning training package with Monmouth Partners

Q8 What is the current coding backlog?

A8 4 weeks backlog

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

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Yours,



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