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Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

I would like to make an open government request for information under the FOI Act 2000.

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

1	How many WTE 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	How many NHS England approved auditors do you have?	
4	How many NHS England approved trainers do you have?	
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 on:	
	a) contractors	
	b) other outsourced coding support	
	c) coding training	
	d) coding audit	
8	What is the current coding backlog in FCEs?	

Response

1	How many WTE clinical coders are employed by the Trust?	21.58
2	Who is responsible for the clinical coding Team? (i.e. Who is the Clinical Coding Manager)	Paul Allen – Clinical Coding Manager
3	How many NHS England approved auditors do you have?	0
4	How many NHS England approved trainers do you have?	0
5	What encoder software is used by the clinical coding team?	Medicode
6	What directorate does clinical coding sit under?	Corporate
7	What does the Trust spend on external coding support per year on:	£0
	a) contractors	
	b) other outsourced coding support	£0
	c) coding training	Approx £4,000
	d) coding audit	Approx £3,000
8	What is the current coding backlog in FCEs?	Dependent on what the Trust classes as a backlog depending on submission deadline dates. Uncoded FCE's before final submission of data to SUS is zero.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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