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**Date:** 11/11/2024

**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

**Request**

1. How many clinical coders are employed by the Trust?
2. Who is responsible for the clinical coding team and who does that individual report into?
3. What did the Trust spend on external coding support in the 2023-2024 financial year?
4. What is the current coding backlog?
5. How many Finished Consultant Episodes does the Trust complete per year?
6. How many vacancies does the Trust currently have for clinical coding staff?

**Response**

<b><u>Questions</u></b>	<b><u>Responses</u></b>
1. How many clinical coders are employed by the Trust?	<b>21.58 WTE – this includes 1WTE outpatient coder and 2WTE Team Leaders</b>
2. Who is responsible for the clinical coding team and who does that individual report into?	<b>The Clinical Coding Manager and reports to the Deputy Director of Finance.</b>
3. What did the Trust spend on external coding support in the 2023-2024 financial year?	<b>£69k</b>
4. What is the current coding backlog?	<b>4 weeks, the team make the deadline for final freeze of data per month.</b>
5. How many Finished Consultant Episodes does the Trust complete per year?	<b>166.5k per year.</b>
6. How many vacancies does the Trust currently have for clinical coding staff?	<b>0.53 WTE = 20 hours</b>

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

Yours sincerely

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