

FOI REF: 21/348

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

1. How many staff do you have in your clinical coding department?

26.

2. How many non-clinical staff are involved in clinical coding?

All 26 staff are in the Administration and Clerical staff group which we would categorise as non-clinical.

3. What clinical coding software or automation tool do you use? If 3rd party, please state.

Medicode.

4. If you have a 3rd party providing you with clinical coding service, what is the term of the contract, contract value and start and end dates?

Not Applicable.

5. What finance system/s do you use for clinical coding?

Block contracts.

6. Which board Executives are responsible for the clinical coding function, please include names and contact details (if possible)?

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7. How much did the Trust spend on consultancy relating to clinical coding last year?

Zero.

8. Is patient administration (appointment bookings, queries, etc) provided in house or a 3rd party?

In house.

9. If a 3rd party provides patient administration, please confirm the organisation(s) including the term of the contract, contract value and start and end dates.

Not Applicable.

10. How many non-clinical staff are involved in patient administration across the Trust?

1052.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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