

FOI REF: 24/301

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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:

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

**1. How many clinical coders are employed by the Trust?**

21.70 WTE Clinical Coders + 1 Head of Clinical Coding (HOC) + 1 Operational Manager + 1 Trainer.

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

Vijaya Chadalavada  
Head of Clinical Coding

**3. Do you have an NHS England approved auditor?**

Yes, HOC is a NHS England approved auditor.

**4. Do you have an NHS England approved trainer?**

Yes.

**5. What encoder software is used by the clinical coding team?**

Medicode.

**6. What directorate does clinical coding sit under?**

Finance.

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**7. What does the Trust spend on external coding support per year**

**a) contractors**

Not applicable.

**b) other outsourced coding support**

Not applicable.

**c) coding training d) coding audit**

Not applicable.

**8. What is the current coding backlog?**

Around 10% Flex.

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

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Yours sincerely

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