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Date: 14th November 2016

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Ref: FOI 2873

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding the Trust's clinical coding service.

The Trust can provide the following information:

1. **Which directorate of the organisation does the clinical coding department fall into?** Corporate
2. **Please supply structure of your clinical coding department including AfC bands for each role.** Bands 1x4, 5x5, 1x6, 1x7
3. **How many clinical coders does the trust employ?** 6
4. **How many contract clinical coders work with/for the coding department?** 1
5. **Please include a breakdown of all contract or interim appointments/engagements relating to the clinical coding department over the last twelve months.** 1
6. **What is the total clinical coding department spend on agency staff over the past twelve months?** Approximately £70k
7. **What is the average agency rate your Trust has paid for an agency clinical coder based on data and engagement in the last twelve months?** £265
8. **What is the total rate of pay your clinical coding department is able to pay for a contract clinical coder in accordance with the Monitor/TDA price caps?** The hourly rate is £27.06, and is based on a Clinical Coder on a Band 5 job role. However, the Trust may make a decision to exceed the cap when appropriate.
9. **Since the inception of these pricing caps how many contract clinical coders have the trust engaged?** 2
10. **Please state the number of these contractors that were secured within the Monitor/TDA capped price according to banding for accredited clinical coders at the trust.** 0
11. **How many coders within your department hold the National Clinical Coding Qualification?** 5
12. **Do your coders have daily coding benchmarks on quantity? If yes what are your coders' daily coding benchmark? Do they vary with specialties or coding experience?** No benchmarking in place
13. **Do you have a Clinical Classifications Service Approved Clinical Coding Auditor?** No
14. **Do you have a TAP Approved Clinical Coding Trainer?** No
15. **How many FCE's per year do you have?** 68,000 – 70, 000
16. **On average, how many episodes are being coded in a day?** 275 approximately

17. **How many episodes are expected from coders a day/week?** No set targets
18. **What % of coders meet productivity expectations?** Not monitored in this way
19. **Do you code totally from the case notes or an Electronic Patient Record?** EPR only
20. **Do you have an encoder?** Yes
21. **How long have you had an encoder for?** Ten years
22. **Please list all/any clinical information systems and software that contribute to the clinical coding process.** Cerner and K2
23. **When does the trust anticipate being totally paperless?** Date not confirmed.
24. **Who by and how are mortality reviews undertaken within your Trust?** In-house auditor
25. **When did the trust carry out its Clinical Coding Information Governance Audit for 2015/16?** October 2016
26. **Who carried out the 15/16 clinical coding IG audit? If this was commercial company please state the name of the company?** Independent auditor
27. **Please supply a copy of the written report from your most recent annual Information Governance audits.** See attached document
28. **Please supply a copy of your last PbR clinical coding audit.** The last PbR clinical coding audit was carried out three years ago and is no longer relevant. The outcome of the audit was rated as satisfactory, based on the criteria used at the time.

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Yours sincerely

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