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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Ref: FOI/011896

With reference to your FOI request in connection with 'Clinical coding' please see response below.

Please could you supply me with the information as detailed below

1. Please supply structure of your Clinical Coding Dept

Coding Manager

Coding Co-Ordinator

Team Leaders x 2

Senior Coders

Coders

Outpatient coder

ED coders

Coding Assistants

2. How many FCE's per year do you have?

145845 FCE's per annum

3. How many Coders do you employ broken down into Bandings (If not detailed in 1 above)

1 WTE Band 7

1 WTE Band 6

2 WTE Band 5

13.85 WTE Band 4

1 WTE Band 3 Coder

1 WTE Band 3 Outpatient coder

3 WTE Band 2 ED coder

2 WTE Band 2 Coding assistants

4. Do you code totally from the full Medical Record or an EPR?

Full medical record with the exception of Oncology/Haematology day cases and Clinical Decision Unit (electronic)

5. How many separate systems are used to contribute to the Coding process by system e.g. Radiology systems, Laboratory systems?

3 systems

6. Who by and how are mortality reviews undertaken within your Trust?

Reviews undertaken following audit of deceased patients. Reviews attended by consultants, associate medical director, matrons, GP's and coding manager

7. Do you have a qualified Clinical Coding Trainer or Clinical Coding Auditor?

Clinical coding auditor

8. Do you have an encoder?

Yes 3M Medicode

9. Is the Clinical Coding Dept a centralised function?

Department is centralised

10. Do the Coders visit wards to gather the coding information?

Coders visit wards at the end of the month to code outstanding FCE's

11. Are your Coders speciality specific

They are speciality specific.

12. Do you have Coding runner/porters that support note delivery to the Coding Team

2 x WTE clinical coding assistants

13. Please supply a copy of your last PbR Coding Audit

The level of competition currently experienced within the NHS is such that the release of detailed information specifically relating to payment by results and funding would have a prejudicial impact on the Trust and would weaken the Trust's position in a competitive environment revealing market-sensitive information with potential usefulness to its competitors.

Therefore the Trust wishes to use Freedom of Information exemption section 43 (2) Commercial Interests (where Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

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