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Date Received: 8th November 2024

Response Due: 6th December 2024

Date: 6th December 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 8th November 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

- 1. How many clinical coders are employed by the Trust?**
22 Clinical Coders are currently employed, with 2 additional staff due to start in December 2024.
- 2. Who is responsible for the clinical coding team and who does that individual report into?**
Nigel Grass, Clinical Coding Manager who reports to Pam Green, Deputy Director for Clinical Informatics.
- 3. What did the Trust spend on external coding support in the 2023-2024 financial year?**
£0.
- 4. What is the current coding backlog?**
There is no backlog.
- 5. How many Finished Consultant Episodes does the Trust complete per year?**
The Trust completed 98,487 Finished Consultant Episodes in 2023/24.
- 6. How many vacancies does the Trust currently have for clinical coding staff?**
None.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Garry Harris', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Garry Harris
Deputy Director Digital & Chief Technology Officer

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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