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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013110 – Clinical coding

1. Which directorate of the organisation does the clinical coding department fall into? Financial Management and Information
2. Please supply structure of your clinical coding department including AfC bands for each role. - See attached
3. How many clinical coders does the trust employ - 19.72 WTE including manager and deputy
4. How many contract clinical coders work with/for the coding department - None
5. Please include a breakdown of all contract or interim appointments/engagements relating to the clinical coding department over the last twelve months - Zero
6. What is the total clinical coding department spend on agency staff over the past twelve months - N/A
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 - N/A
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 - N/A
9. Since the inception of these pricing caps how many contract clinical coders have the trust engaged - N/A
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 - N/A
11. How many coders within your department hold the National Clinical Coding Qualification - 15
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 - The Trust does not set or monitor daily coding benchmarks on quantity
13. Do you have a Clinical Classifications Service Approved Clinical Coding Auditor - Yes
- 14 Do you have a TAP Approved Clinical Coding Trainer - No
15. How many FCE's per year do you have - 155,800 for 2015/16 Financial Year
16. On average, how many episodes are being coded in a day - 600 Mon-Fri
17. How many episodes are expected from coders a day/week - The Trust does not set or monitor daily/weekly expectations of episodes coded
18. What % of coders meet productivity expectations - N/A
19. Do you code totally from the case notes or an Electronic Patient Record - A combination

20. Do you have an encoder - Yes

21. How long have you had an encoder for - >10yrs but exact period is unknown

22. Please list all/any clinical information systems and software that contribute to the clinical coding process.

Allscripts, OASIS, PAS

3M Medicode

23. When does the trust anticipate being totally paperless? - Anticipates being totally paperless in line with the guidelines published by NHS England

24. Who by and how are mortality reviews undertaken within your Trust - Every patient death is recorded on a Mortality Tracking System and tracked through the following processes: coding, consultant validation, speciality level mortality review (the multi-disciplinary clinical team responsible for the patient's care). This is based on an internally developed audit tool and a proportion of cases are escalated to a further mortality review panel, Chaired by the Deputy Medical Director and including medical, nursing, clinical coding and primary care professionals. Monthly reports are be provided to a Mortality Surveillance Group and quarterly to the Clinical Quality Safety and Patient Experience Board Committee.

25. When did the trust carry out its Clinical Coding Information Governance Audit for 2015/16 - November 2015

26. Who carried out the 15/16 clinical coding IG audit? If this was commercial company please state the name of the company - Trust auditor with 2nd auditor from a local trust

27. Please supply a copy of the written report from your most recent annual Information Governance audits.

28. Please supply a copy of your last PbR clinical coding audit.

Questions 27 & 28 - 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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Coding Department – April 2015

