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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6268

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 11th April 2024.

Your request was as follows:

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

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust employs 6 clinical coders.

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

Yvonne Randle Clinical - Coding Auditor, Andrew Sharrock - Business Intelligence Manager.

3. Do you have an NHS England approved auditor?

Yes.

4. Do you have an NHS England approved trainer?

No.

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

The WCFT do not use encoder software.

6. What directorate does clinical coding sit under?

Corporate information.

7. What does the Trust spend on external coding support per year a) contractors b) other outsourced coding support c) coding training d) coding audit

Approx. £1,000 - this varies depending on coding courses available.

8. What is the current coding backlog?

None.

Please see our response above in blue.

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Yours sincerely

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