

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Friday 8th November 2024. I am pleased to confirm the following.

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

There are 19 staff members in the clinical coders in the clinical coding team including the clinical coding manager.

2. Who is responsible for the clinical coding team and who does that individual report into?

The Clinical Coding Manager has responsibility for the clinical coding team and the manager reports to the Associate Director of Performance.

3. What did the Trust spend on external coding support in the 2023-2024 financial year?

There is no outsourced clinical coding activity that is undertaken by an external firm. The training and audit activities to support the clinical coding team are also covered by staff members in the clinical coding team. We have had to cover vacancies and other reasons for long terms sickness in FY 2023/24 to ensure clinical coding deadlines could be met. The cost of this support was circa £71,000 in FY 2023/24

4. What is the current coding backlog?

The clinical coding team will always have patient spells to clinical code as patients are discharged daily. In terms of a backlog, we have interpreted this as the records that the Trust was unable to clinical code before the “freeze date”. On the basis of this interpretation, we have no coding backlog.

5. How many Finished Consultant Episodes does the Trust complete per year?

The Trust completed 120,689 FCEs in the financial year 2023/24.

6. How many vacancies does the Trust currently have for clinical coding staff?

We currently have 2 vacancies in the clinical coding team.

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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