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I am responding to your request for information received 8 November 2024. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Coordinator

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Request:

Question 1: How many clinical coders are employed by the Trust?

Answer: The Trust does not employ any clinical coders.

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

Answer: Chris Kitchener, Associate Director of Information Governance and Data Protection Officer.

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

Answer: The Trust spent a total of £59,355.00 on external coding support in 2023/24.

Question 4: What is the current coding backlog?

Answer: All coding is complete to the end of September 2024.

Question 5: How many Finished Consultant Episodes (FCEs) does the Trust complete per year?

Answer: The Trust completed 2943 FCEs in 2023/24.

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

Answer: Currently there are no vacancies for clinical coding staff.



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