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I am responding to your request for information received 21 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: What is the current coding backlog?

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

Question 2: How many Finished Consultant Episodes has the Trust coded in the previous 12 months?

Answer: 6426 episodes were coded between 1st October 2023 – 30th September 2024.

Question 3: When clinically coding a mental health inpatient discharge do you record codes for all of the following and if so, why?

- **Primary diagnosis**
- **Secondary diagnosis**
- **Any comorbidities**
- **Injuries and/or overdoses**
- **If not, which are omitted?**

Answer: All of the above are coded for every patient - this is mandatory as per NHS England and Clinical Coding National Standards.

Question 4: When clinically coding a mental health inpatient discharge do you code smoking status?

Answer: The discharge code to record smoking status is F17.1 and this must be coded for every patient who smokes - it is a National Standard, and it is mandatory to assign this code.



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