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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to the Coding Department.

You asked:

- 1. Is the coding department using:*
 - a. a fully digital record to code from, or*
 - b. a hybrid digital record whether part of the record is scanned from paper,*
 - c. is it still using paper records for all or part of its coding?*
- 2. What is the current size of the clinical coding establishment.*
- 3. How many of the team are contract clinical coders?*
- 4. Do your team work remotely?*
- 5. How many of your team are ACC qualified?*
- 6. How many of your team are trainees?*
- 7. Are there any specialities where your coders must come to an office to code?*
- 8. Do you use a company to undertake all or part of your clinical coding?*
- 9. If Yes to question 8,*
 - a. what percentage of your FCEs is coded by them?*
 - b. what is the annual value of the contract,*
 - c. what was the start date of the contract,*
 - d. what is the term of the contract,*
 - e. what is the name of the company delivering the contract?*
 - f. How was this contract procured?*

Trust response:

- 1.
- b. a hybrid digital record whether part of the record is scanned from paper,
- c. is it still using paper records for all or part of its coding?
2. 35

3. 1
4. Yes
5. 18
6. 7
7. Surgical
8. Yes
9.
 - a. Variable
 - b. The Trust is applying Section 43 exemption to this question. The Trust believes that the information requested contains details which would be likely to damage the companies ability to win new business opportunities for their services and to perform them within a commercially competitive market. The Trust has concluded that the public interest in maintaining the exemption, and therefore protecting the commercial interests of the suppliers and preserving its ability to compete fairly in a commercial market, outweighs the public interest in disclosure in this case.

Supplier Transactions

All NHS bodies are required to publish details of individual invoices and transactions that are over £25,000. This is in response to guidance from HM Treasury which sets out the scope of the data. Details can be found on our website using the following link: www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/
 - c. Feb 2022
 - d. Contract is for 4000 FCES to be coded
 - e. CEC Healthcare
 - f. Directly through CEC