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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 Clinical Coding.

You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.
1.   How many clinical coders are employed by the Trust?
2.   Who is responsible for the clinical coding Team? (i.e Who is the Clinical Coding Manager)
3.   Do you have an NHS England approved auditor?
4.   Do you have an NHS England approved trainer?
5.   What encoder software is used by the clinical coding team?
6.   What directorate does clinical coding sit under?
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
8.   What is the current coding backlog?

Trust response:
1. 33.7 WTE
2. Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust receives a number of requests for details relating to the professional lives of our staff from private individuals and organisations, some of whom are involved in recruitment and marketing. On very rare occasions it might be considered in the public interest to disclose some information but in such cases the views of the individual staff concerned is always sought.

Information relating to staff that is not currently publicly available on our website will not be released under Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 40(2) (personal information) as it relates to the personal information of employees. The Trust follows guidance issued by the Information

Commissioner's Office on the disclosure of personal data including direct contact details. This role falls under the remit of the Chief Finance Officer.

The Trust Executive structure chart is available on the Trust website
www.mtw.nhs.uk
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Medicode
6. Business support services
7. a) £30kpa
8. No backlog coding to SUS Freeze