



# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

NHS Foundation Trust

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Response Due: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

1. **How many clinical coders are employed by the Trust?**  
23
2. **Who is responsible for the clinical coding Team? (i.e Who is the Clinical Coding Manager)**  
Nigel Grass
3. **Do you have an NHS England approved auditor?**  
Yes
4. **Do you have an NHS England approved trainer?**  
Yes
5. **What encoder software is used by the clinical coding team?**  
Simple Code
6. **What directorate does clinical coding sit under?**  
IM&T
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**  
£0.

8. **What is the current coding backlog?**  
0.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Garry Harris  
Deputy Director Digital, Chief Technology Officer

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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
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