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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to clinical coding and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 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?**

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- 2. What is the current size of the clinical coding establishment?**

13 WTEs, 5 PTEs. There are currently 2 WTE vacancies.

- 3. How many of the team are contract clinical coders?**

0

- 4. Do your team work remotely?**

The team follows the agile working policy, working both on site and from home.

- 5. How many of your team are ACC qualified?**

10

**6. How many of your team are trainees?**

0

**7. Are there any specialities where your coders must come to an office to code?**

No

**8. Do you use a company to undertake all or part of your clinical coding?**

No

**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?**

Not applicable

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via [cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs](mailto:cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs).

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

**Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator**