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Subject: Clinical Coding

Q1 How many clinical episodes does your Trust record on average each month or over an annual period?

A1 1300 episodes per month

Q2 What is the size of your clinical coding team?

A2 6

Q3 Is the coding team focused on coding clinical episodes within inpatient, outpatient, or A&E (Emergency Care) – or all of the above? Any other settings or niche areas that are coded by this team?

A3 Inpatient episodes only

Q4 On average, how many systems do coding teams need to access and review to code a typical episode?

A4 2

Q5 What is the average time spent on coding a clinical episode?

A5 Depends on length of stay - but minimum of 15 minutes

Q6 What is the maximum time spent on coding a clinical episode?

A6 Depends on length of stay - but up to 3 days

Q7 On average, what number or percentage of episodes go uncoded?

A7 350 per month

Q8 On average, what number or percentage of episodes are not coded to sufficient detail?

A8 Zero

Q9 What are the main reasons why episodes go uncoded or are not coded to sufficient detail?

A9 Staffing issues and complexity of episodes

Q10 Who is the budget holder for clinical coding team and/or what is their role?

A10 Ian Gilbertson, Deputy Chief Digital and Information Officer