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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 5th September 2019 received into our office 6th September) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding coding for clinical discharge summary. (previous reference number 323-1920)

On 9th September 2019 we contacted you via email as we required the following clarification:
What you mean by which computer programme you use on a clinical discharge summary for HES statistics?

On 8th November you replied by email the following:
"Thanks for responding to my request sent on 5th September. Please do accept my apologies for the delay in sending this email.

I would like to offer some clarification for my submitted FOI request. The requests were sent as part of a national clinical audit run by University of Southampton. Each trust was asked to provide details on how they code several Parkinson-related diseases. Although the ICD-10 codes of each disease are readily available, different trusts interpret and code these rare Parkinson-related diseases differently, leading to a disparity in admission statistics between different trusts. Therefore, it would be very helpful if you could provide the details on how your trust would code these specific diseases precisely on the discharge summaries. Although your trust is specialised in children's care, your response would still be a valuable reference as to how Parkinson-related diseases are coded nationwide.

As for manual coding and computer coding - manual coding would normally be coding used by a reference book and computer coding would be any computer programme used in aiding clinical coding i.e. 3M Medicode".

We replied via email advising you that under the FOI Act (section 45) we are required to keep open requests that have been paused for two months, this we advised you of when we contacted you for the clarification. Two months had passed so your request was closed.

Therefore this is a new request and your reference number is 473-1920

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 Please write below what you use for manual coding (e.g., ICD 10 2016) and which computer programme you use on a clinical discharge summary for HES statistics.



- Manual
- Programme

A1 For manual coding we use ICD-10 5th Edition 2016. Our computerised coding programme is 3M Medicode

Q2 Please tell us how you would code the following diseases. If you have a computer programme for coding, please code it manually and with the programme. Please include all relevant information (e.g., multiple possible codes depending on context).

Disease	Computer ICD 10 coding	Manual ICD 10 coding
Example	G20	
Progressive Supranuclear Palsy		
Multiple system atrophy		
Corticobasal syndrome		
Corticobasal degeneration		

A2 Please see below:

Disease	Computer ICD 10 coding	Manual ICD 10 coding
<i>Example</i>	<i>G20</i>	
Progressive Supranuclear Palsy	G23.1	G23.1
Multiple system atrophy	G23.2	G23.2
Corticobasal syndrome	G31.8	G31.8
Corticobasal degeneration	G31.8	G31.8

Q3 Please indicate whether any of the clinical coding was different before 2016.

Disease	Computer ICD 10 coding	Manual ICD 10 coding
Progressive Supranuclear Palsy		
Multiple system atrophy		
Corticobasal syndrome		
Corticobasal degeneration		

A3 Please see below:

Disease	Computer ICD 10 coding	Manual ICD 10 coding
Progressive Supranuclear	G23.1	G23.1

Palsy		
Multiple system atrophy	G90.3	G90.3
Corticobasal syndrome	G31.8	G31.8
Corticobasal degeneration	G31.8	G31.8

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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