Clinical Coding Audit and Assurance

Our clinical coding service is managed by an experienced HSCIC CCS approved clinical coding trainer and CCS approved clinical coding auditor

Example Areas of Coded Data Assurance

- Information Governance (IG) audits

- Payment by Results (PbR)

- Data Quality to support coded data accuracy

- Source documentation review

- CCG data assurance

- Mortality review to support HSMR / SHMI

- Targeted audit at specialty or coder level

Clinical Coding Audit

Independent audit of coded clinical data will measure and demonstrate compliance with national clinical coding standards, verify that previous audit recommendations have been actioned, support the validation of trust income relating to clinical activity and make recommendations in order to achieve quality improvements.

Information Governance (IG) Toolkit Requirements 505 (acute) and 514 (mental health) specifies that an audit of clinical coding, based on national standards, has been undertaken by a Clinical Classifications Service (CCS) approved clinical coding auditor within the last 12 months, in accordance with Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) CCS Clinical Coding Audit Methodology 2016-17 V10.0

In addition to meeting IG Toolkit requirements using EasyAudit and HSCIC CCS Clinical Coding Audit Methodology coded clinical data can be used to identify coding errors and quantify those discrepancies by calculating the impact on HRG, ensuring that appropriate reimbursement for activity is being received.

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Our Clinical Coding Assurance Manager Vicky Bentley can be contacted directly on 07342 072958 or Vicky.Bentley@360Assurance.nhs.uk

Clinical Coding Courses

- Clinical Coding Standards Course

- Clinical Coding Standards Refresher Course

- Mental Health Standards Course*

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- Orthopaedic Workshop*

- Obstetric & Perinatal Workshop*

- Circulatory & Vascular Workshop*

* subject to availability of training materials from the Clinical Coding Academy Network

Clinical Coding Training

To support improvement, address audit findings or to ensure continuous professional development, training can be provided using HSCIC CCS materials, which also supports IG Toolkit Requirement 510 (acute) or 516 (mental health).

We provide bespoke specialty based courses which conform to national standards and support continuous professional development for all clinical coders, tailored to suit individual organisation requirements.

Our training courses are developed and delivered by a CCS approved experienced clinical coding trainer with 15 years training delivery experience and diplomas in both healthcare learning & development and training design & development. Our tailored programme can help organisations control costs .

This brochure contains an overview of our services. If you are interested in any specific areas then please contact us for further details.

Bespoke Training & Support

- Data extraction for Clinical Coding

- SNOMED CT

- NCCQ (UK) Revision support

- NCCQ (UK) Mock Examinations

- Report writing for clinical coding audit workshop

Bespoke clinical coding training

Accurately coded clinical data is reliant on the quality of information that is extracted from the clinical documentation and the skills of the clinical coder to extract such information. A data extraction workshop examines the various sources of documentation and reviews the information that must be collected for coding purposes.

The National Clinical Coding Qualification (NCCQ) is a nationally recognised qualification for clinical coders working in the NHS. The qualification seeks to support high quality, accurate and consistently coded clinical data, and provides recognition of the clinical coding profession. Achieving ACC status requires a high level of commitment and study. Attendance at workshops specifically designed to support coders to achieve accreditation is a fundamental part of the process. Our workshop provides an opportunity to sit a mock paper under examination conditions to identify any areas of weakness that can be used to by the learner to effectively direct the remainder of their study.

Report writing is an essential skill for clinical coders wishing to embark on achieving approved clinical coding auditor status. Report writing for clinical coding audit workshops provide aspiring auditors with the skills to write effective reports.

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We look forward to discussing your needs and tailoring your service

Examples of support areas

- Awareness sessions for management & clinical staff

- Policy and Strategy Development

- TAP trainer Assessments

- Clinician validation

- Best practice tariff

Clinical Coding Advisory Service

Coded clinical data uses rules and conventions that when applied accurately, result in the provision of high quality statistically meaningful data. This directly affects clinical staff, financial teams, information managers and IT professionals. Awareness training can be provided to information management and clinical teams to increase their understanding of the coding process, the importance of accurate coding and the impact that the rules and standards can have on how data is interpreted.

The purpose of a clinical coding policy is to promote good practice and consistent information through clinical coding processes within an organisation. It is designed to ensure information produced during the coding process is accurate and adheres to local and national policies. Our advisory service can work with you to ensure that your clinical coding policy is robust and fit for purpose, ensuring that national clinical coding standards are not contravened.

Clinical coding trainers are required to fulfil requirements of re-certification and assessment within given timeframes to retain their registration as a Clinical Classifications Service Approved Clinical Coding Trainer. Our TAP assessor is able to provide on-site assessment to ensure that the trainer continues to meet their mandatory requirements.