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Dear Mr Powell

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 2nd January 2013. Further to our response to you dated 21st December 2012 you further queried the following:

I note that the first Patient Administration System ["PAS"] was introduced in 1984 and replaced in 1995. In answer to question 2 there is no mention of ICD 10 codes being available on the initial PAS. However, ICD 10 codes are mentioned on the current PAS at Morriston Hospital. It would therefore appear that according to your response Morristion Hospital did not have ICD 10 codes with regards to the initial PAS. To avoid any misunderstandings could you please confirm when ICD 10 codes were first introduced on the PAS at Morriston Hospital?

Clinical coding information for inpatient episodes has been collected by Welsh hospitals for well over 30 years and submitted centrally to the Patient Episode Database for Wales (PEDW) which records all episodes of inpatient and daycase activity in NHS Wales hospitals. In Morriston the PAS introduced in 1995 would have captured clinical coding information.

The Health Board does not hold all historic information dating back to the period you have enquired about as it would have been submitted to PEDW. You can find out more information about this database by visiting the following website http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/922/page/50308. You will also find contact details on the site if you wish to enquire further about the data that is held on PEDW.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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Yours sincerely

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Board Secretary