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Dear Mr Powell,

I am writing in response to your email of 15th February 2013. You wanted further clarification with regard to the following points:

1. **Clinical coding has been available at Morriston Hospital with regard to paper records for 30 years; and Clinical coding has been undertaking at Morriston Hospital for the last 30 years.**

Clinical coding information for inpatient episodes has been collected at Morriston Hospital for the last 30 years (as detailed in our letter of 11th January). This information would have been submitted on paper in the early years, prior to the National Assembly being established, to the Welsh Office and subsequently via electronic means in the latter years to the Welsh Government. I would stress that this information has not been retained corporately for the whole of this period and the Health Board currently has available clinical coding information dating back to 2007 on the current PAS at Morriston Hospital.

2. **Prior to ICD 10 codes, which go back to 2007, there were no other ICD codes used by Morriston Hospital's previous Patient Administration Systems between 1984 and 2007.**

Version 10 is the latest version of the ICD coding system. It is highly likely that previous versions of the ICD coding system were used in Morriston Hospital; however, we do not hold information to clarify if ICD codes were present on Morriston Hospital's previous PAS systems between 1984 and 2007.

3. **I would also be grateful for confirmation as to whether or not Mr Nicholas David Jones, the person appointed by the First Minister in 2011, to investigate the Robbie Powell case, formally contacted Morriston Hospital regarding Robbie Powell's Morriston Hospital computer records?**

I can confirm that there is no record of a formal request from Mr Jones regarding access to the computer records of Robbie Powell.

I hope my letter is helpful but please get back in touch if you feel there is anything further you want us to explain.

It is your right if you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of this matter for your to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office by writing to Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Davies

Chairman