

Joined Up Careers Derbyshire

Clinical Coder



What is a clinical coder?

As a clinical coder you will work at your local NHS hospital. You and your team will be responsible for keeping a full and accurate computer record of a patient's stay in hospital from arrival to discharge.

You will translate diagnoses and treatments into alphanumeric clinical codes and liaise with medical professionals, such as doctors, nurses and other staff to ensure that the patient's diagnoses are recorded accurately. A clinical coder is also responsible for acting as detective for missing information to fill gaps in the patient's clinical history. You will also be involved in reviewing data.

You will find there are always new things to learn such as new treatments. Some coders will work as tutors and deliver training to staff on using clinical coding.

Do you have what it takes?

You will need to be dynamic, enthusiastic and a logical, lateral thinker who is good at solving problems and enjoys working as part of a team. Attention to detail and an excellent concentration span are also key attributes of clinical coders.

GCSEs (or equivalent) in maths, English and science are essential for the job and A levels (or equivalent) or any higher-level qualification, especially in IT, are desirable.

What's in it for you?

- Rewarding career
- Flexibility
- Excellent employment prospects
- Competitive pay
- Progression opportunities

How can I find out more?

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