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CHKS takes the lead in the recognition of national clinical coding standards

CHKS, the UK's leading independent provider of healthcare intelligence and quality improvement services, has awarded every candidate who achieved a distinction in the Institute of Health Record and Information Management's (IHRIM) National Clinical Coding Qualification exams a certificate and a cheque for £100.

This is the third year that CHKS has made the award in recognition of the crucial role that accurate coding plays in improving the quality of care that is provided in hospitals.

James Coles, Director of Research and Corporate Strategy, said: "Clinical coding is the bedrock of service improvement in the NHS but it is often overlooked and coders are sometimes amongst the lowest paid in hospitals. We recognise the important contribution they make."

The list of candidates achieving a distinction in the IHRM's NCCQ is as follows:

Neil Bunker	Luton & Dunstable Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Kate Foo – Jones	Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Carol Frodsham	Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust
Gillian Greenacre	Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Thamara Gunasekera	St Georges Healthcare NHS Trust
Julia Hallam	Nottingham Healthcare NHS Trust
Helen Houghton	Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust

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Diana Miskin	East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust
Emma O'Hara	Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust
Jennifer Ormerod	North Cumbria Acute Hospitals NHS Trust
Susan Purcell	City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust
Jeyarin Sivanathan	Kingston Hospital NHS Trust
Sarah Stanley	Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust

Notes to editors:

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