Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Foundation Trust	
Data Protection Impact Assessment Toolkit	Version 6

DPIA Reference	DPIA1160
DPIA Title	Medicode
Summary of Proposal	3M Medicode assists coders in determining the correct codes to apply to a given
This is published on the website and should provide the public with	patient episode based on information pulled from the patient's information held
an understanding of the information asset and how data is	within Epic.
protected as a standalone statement.	
	Epic sends clinical information (e.g. diagnosis, code sets, etc.) to Medicode via
	Health Level 7 (HL7) messages. HL7 is an internationally recognised standard for sharing clinical and administrative information between software applications.
	Medicode returns messages to Epic once coders finish coding the patient episode.
	Epic does not have an encoder module which is why most Epic community members use Medicode as an encoder; all other UK organisations are using 3M Medicode.
	Patient clinical and adminstrative information is held on internal Royal Devon servers and at no time does it leave the Royal Devon IT secure perimeter.
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