

FOI 020/2203 Response

Request

Clarification: I would be interested in any uses of dogs such as for therapy in MH setting

1. Does the trust use dogs for any therapeutic or medicinal purposes (eg. PAT / autism/epilepsy/ diabetes assistance) within your hospitals or for patients at home?
2. If so, are these dogs engaged as part of the NHS or through an external organisation (such as Support Dogs charity)
3. Please could you specify how many dogs have been engaged for each of the last ten calendar years(2012-2022), broken down by purpose. (eg. PAT / autism/epilepsy/ diabetes assistance)
4. Please list the main breeds used with the most commonly used breeds first.
5. How many full time members of staff (trainers, handlers, officers etc) worked with these dogs for each of the years in the same period?
6. What was the trust's total budget for each of these years and how much was allocated to the dog unit?

Response

The Trust do not have dogs/ use dogs in any of our services as part of therapy.

The return for your request for information is NIL (0).