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Subject: Use of Dogs for Therapeutic or Medicinal purposes

Q1 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?

A1 Yes

Q2 If so, are these dogs engaged as part of the NHS or through an external organisation (such as Support Dogs charity)

A2 3rd Party volunteer via PAT at the hospital

Q3 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)

A3 2012 – 2022: 1 dog PAT

Q4 Please list the main breeds used with the most commonly used breeds first.

A4 Golden Retriever

Q5 How many full time members of staff (trainers, handlers, officers etc) worked with these dogs for each of the years in the same period?

A5 One volunteer

Q6 What was the trust's total budget for each of these years and how much was allocated to the dog unit?

A6 Information not held – there is no budget as this is a volunteer service