

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/23/199

Therapy Dogs

Information Requested:

I am writing to make a request for all the information to which I am entitled under the The Freedom of Information Act 2002. Please may you provide me with the following:

Does the trust use dogs for any therapeutic or medicinal purposes (e.g. PAT / autism/epilepsy/ diabetes assistance) within your hospitals or for patients at home?

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) do not currently use therapy dogs. The UHB would like to advise that we are currently conducting a risk assessment with a view to potentially using therapy dogs in the future.

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

Not applicable

Please could you specify how many dogs have been engaged for each of the last ten calendar years (2012-2022), broken down by purpose. (e.g. PAT / autism/epilepsy/ diabetes assistance)

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

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

0

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

£0.00