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Dear Sam,

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 48799 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Animal Assisted Therapies

Your request is set out below:

1. I would like to determine whether Animal Assisted Therapies are offered within the service/trust as treatments/interventions to patients.
Yes
The voluntary service team recruit volunteers, some of these are pets as therapy volunteers, who can visit wards with their dogs. They come from the charity Pet's as Therapy.
2. I would like to determine how much is spent on these treatments/interventions.
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3. I would like to determine who offers these treatments, is it NHS clinicians, or other outside organisations and or volunteers.
Volunteers, they are not part of any formal clinical programme to offer therapy or interventions, if that makes sense.

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department

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