

FOI_1155_2023-24 – FOI Request Concerning – Use of Dogs in Trust

- 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?**

No dogs are used within Solent NHS

- 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?**