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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 32969 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Sniffer dogs

Your request is set out below:

- 1) How many times sniffer dogs used to detect illegal drugs have been brought into mental health wards run by your Trust

For each such occasion, please tell me the following details:

- a) the date of the sniffer dog(s) visits;
- b) the name of the hospital and ward(s) where sniffer dog(s) were deployed;
- c) whether drugs were found, and if so what type;
- d) the number of patients arrested following the visit.

KMPT do have visits from sniffer dogs however they are outsourced via an external company. We have visits around 6 – 10 times a year and do not report on this information.

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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