

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.16911.25
<b>Subject:</b>	Animal assisted therapies
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**Requested:**

1. I would like to determine whether Animal Assisted Therapies are offered within the trust/ service as treatments/interventions to NHS patients.
2. I would like to determine how much is spent on these treatments/interventions.
3. I would like to determine who offers these treatments, is it NHS clinicians, or other outside organisations and or volunteers.

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms it does offer Animal Assisted Therapies as treatments/interventions to NHS patients within the Acute Paediatric Ward in Glangwili General Hospital (GGH) and all Mental Health (MH) wards.
2. The UHB confirms it has not spent any money on these treatments/interventions.
3. The UHB confirms the treatments provided to the Acute Paediatric Ward in GGH are offered by a local charity, Carmarthenshire Therapy Dogs. The treatments provided to the MH wards are offered by volunteers.

Additionally, the UHB is aware that voluntary organisations such as Cariad Pet Therapy visit various services across the UHB too.

You may wish to contact the above-named organisations for further details in relation to your request. The hyperlinks to their websites have been provided below:

[Carmarthenshire Therapy Dogs](#)

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