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Dear

Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by our Freedom of Information team on 21/05/2019. You have requested the following:

1. Do you permit animals to visit clinical areas in your organisation?

Yes.

2. If yes to Q1, are there any restriction on where they can visit? (E.g. are they permitted in ITU, Oncology wards etc.)

Yes, restricted areas are identified in the policy and are listed below

- Operating theatres
- Intensive Therapy Unit
- Wards containing High Dependency Units
- Cardiac Care Units
- Haematology/Oncology
- Resuscitation rooms

However, in exceptional circumstances efforts will be made to facilitate visits on a case by case basis.

3. If yes, to Q1, do you allow patients own pets to visit in special circumstances

Yes, under specific circumstances, efforts will be made to facilitate visits on a case by case basis.

4. If yes to Q1, do you permit PAT (pets as therapy) animals to visit clinical areas?

Yes.

5. If yes to Q4, do you permit PAT animals access to

a. all clinical wards/departments

No, see exclusion list above.

b. patient bed spaces in any wards/departments

Yes.

c. JUST in day rooms, play rooms and garden areas?

No, as above.

6. Please could you share your policies on 'Pets in hospital' and 'PAT visits in hospital' with me.

Attached- currently under review but no major changes expected.



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Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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