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I am responding to your request for information received **18th July 2022**. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



Shuchi Joshi
Information Governance Coordinator – Information Rights

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Request:

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

Answer: Sniffer dogs have been used to detect illegal drugs on three occasions between November 2021 and May 2022

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

Question 1a: The date of the sniffer dog(s) visit;

Answer: 12th November 2021
16th February 2022
6th May 2022

Question 1b: The name of the hospital and ward(s) where sniffer dog(s) were deployed;

Answer: Sniffer dogs were deployed at the following wards within Tower Hamlets Centre for Mental Health

Globe Ward
Millharbour Ward
Lea Ward

Question 1c: Whether drugs were found, and if so what type;

Answer: There were no illegal drugs detected on the dates listed above.

Question 1d: The number of patients arrested following the visit.

Answer: There were no patients arrested following the visit of sniffer dogs.



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