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**Information requested:**

Types and number of animals and birds within the Hospital's Animal Assisted Therapy Centre please.

Also, please send the names of any of the animals, if this information is obtainable.

Also, please send any information on any injuries sustained by patients or staff in relation to the Therapy Centre since January 1, 2023, including the date and nature of the incident and injuries.

**Response:**

The information relating to the type and number of animals and birds within the Animal Assisted Therapy Centre:

Sheep – 2  
Goats – 2  
Pigs – 2  
Rabbits – 2  
Budgie – 1  
Finch – 1  
Cockatiel – 5  
Chickens – 21

The State hospital does not record the names of the animals and birds, and as such we give notice under Section 17 of FOISA that we do not hold this information.

There have been two recorded incidents relating to Animal Assisted Therapy Centre;

1. On 03 May 2023 a patient sustained an abrasion to their lower leg due to tripping over equipment.
2. On 06 March 2025 a patient suffered a slight abrasion to their lower back as a result of using a knapsack sprayer.