**FOI Ref: 6418**

**Category(ies): Trust – Estates and Facilities / Security**

**Subject: Use of herbicide containing Glyphosate**

**Date Received: 06/06/2022**

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| **Your request:** | **Our response:** |
| This is a request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. I would like to request the following information: |
| What is your policy for weed control in the hospital's grounds? | No written policy or SOP. However Senior Gardener is trained in the use of the safe use of herbicides. |
| Do you use herbicides containing glyphosate e.g. Roundup, Weedol etc? If yes, * What do you use?
* What areas have been sprayed with herbicides containing glyphosate?
 | Roundup* For deep rooted weeds, including grasses dandelions, and used for general weed killer.
* External grounds adjacent roads, pathways, car park areas.
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| What is your policy on the use of glyphosate? | Only to be used by trained Estate personnel i.e. Senior Gardener. |
| What precautions were taken ahead of its use? | Roundup received by the trained Estates personnel, product stored in a locked COSHH cabinet. Personal protective equipment available before use.  |
| For the calendar years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, please can you tell me:* The volume of these herbicides you have you used
* The cost
 | Use is governed by the amount ordered. See below amount ordered for each year2018 – 4x 5 Litre tubs2019 – 5x 5 Litre tubs2020 – 8x 5 Litre tubs2021 – 5x 5 Litre tubs 2022 – none ordered to present date.The cost of a 5 litre tub of Round Up weed killer is £45.60 |