**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. |
| 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 year  2018 – 4x 5 Litre tubs  2019 – 5x 5 Litre tubs  2020 – 8x 5 Litre tubs  2021 – 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 |