

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 22-279**

1 July 2022

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

**What is your policy for weed control in the hospital's grounds?**

The Trust's policy is the same as we would use for any other areas that we are spraying and the same precautions are taken. Please see below regarding policy information.

The Plant Protection Products (Sustainable Use) Regulations 2012 state: "Users, or those who cause or permit use, must ensure that: all reasonable precautions are taken to protect human health and the environment; applications are confined to target areas; and in certain areas (including public spaces and conservation areas) that the amount used and frequency of use is as low as reasonably practicable." This procedure outlines the approach that is taken regarding the use of Pesticides, to control the risks and to ensure that we comply with all applicable legislation. This procedure shall be applied at all locations within the company's control.

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- The safe storage of pesticides, when in the depot and when out on site in use.
- Safe and appropriate use of pesticides.
- Keeping adequate records of all use.
- Recording stock levels of pesticides in the Chemicals store.

**Do you use herbicides containing glyphosate eg Roundup, Weedol etc If yes, what do you use What areas have been sprayed with herbicides containing glyphosate?**

Roundup. Most hard surfaces within the hospital grounds.

**What is your policy on the use of glyphosate?**

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#### **What precautions were taken ahead of its use?**

We review the weather conditions, and a visual site survey of the areas being sprayed is undertaken. We also undertake PPE checks and equipment checks.

#### **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**

**2018** - 1.9Litres £14.10

**2019** - 2.0 litres £14.50

**2020** - 2.1 Litres £14.90

**2021** - 2.4 Litres £16.20

**2022** to date - 1.3 litres £9.42

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
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Yours sincerely

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