

FOI REF: 22/307

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

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

Removed manually. Occasional use of herbicides in the spring, dependent on the growing season. Most are removed with a hoe and swept up.

2. Do you use herbicides containing glyphosate eg Roundup, Weedol etc If yes, what do you use

Roundup.

3. What areas have been sprayed with herbicides containing glyphosate?

External kerbs and edging, main road.

4. What is your policy on the use of glyphosate?

As above.

5. What precautions were taken ahead of its use?

Risk assessment and use of a certificated individual PA1 and PA6. We have 2 staff trained.

6. For the calendar years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, please can you tell me: The volume of these herbicides you have used The cost

This information is not recorded. However, DEFRA requires all users to be registered by 22 June and this requires data to be maintained and reported annually.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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