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Thank you for your request concerning use of herbicide containing glyphosate.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Information Regulation 2004.

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

Chemical weed control will be undertaken as necessary during the growing season to ensure sites are free of weeds. Where required, chemical application will be undertaken by qualified members of staff and chemicals will be used and stored according to COSHH assessments.

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

Yes, herbicides containing glyphosate are used. We use Roundup Provantage 480.

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

Hard surfaces such as paving, kerb lines and gravel.

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

The Facilities Management contractor follows [NPTC PA1, PA6](#) guidance on safe storage, use, mixing and disposal of empty herbicide bottles. The use of chemicals is to be reduced year on year to align with our environmental objectives. We are limiting the use of herbicides and have switched to a new product with better dilution rates.

5. What precautions were taken ahead of its use?

Only PA1, PA6 certificate personnel are allowed to apply herbicides and weather conditions are evaluated to plan application time for best effect and prevent run off.

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

	Approximate Litres of Herbicide Used	£
2018	32	The cost of herbicides is built into the overall cost of our Facilitates Management Service Contract and cannot be identified separately.
2019	32	
2020	32	
2021	32	
2022	16	
Part year		

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

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Information Rights Officer

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Environmental Information Regulation request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

