

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

1. What is your policy for weed control in the hospital's grounds? Weed control is encompassed as part of the Grounds and Garden Contract. There is no approved policy however the contract asks that "Keeping the surfaces free of weeds. Ensuring dying weeds are removed. Weeds can be spot treated with an approved translocated herbicide (absorbed by the foliage) applied either by knapsack sprayer or CDA applicator. Where hard surfaces abut grass areas any grass encroaching onto the hard surface will be treated or removed as set out "

2. Do you use herbicides containing glyphosate e.g Roundup, Weedol etc If yes, what do you use and what areas have been sprayed with herbicides containing glyphosate?

The Trust is unable to confirm as service is subcontracted to an external provider.

- 3. What is your policy on the use of glyphosate?
 The Trust does not have a policy in place for the use of glyphosate.
- 4. What precautions were taken ahead of its use?

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- 5. For the calendar years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, please can you tell me: The volume of these herbicides you have you used and the cost The Trust is unable to confirm as service is subcontracted to an external provider.

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