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Dear Ms Ferguson

Request Reference: RFI-005125

I am writing with regards to your request for information which was received by the Trust on 03 June 2022. Your request will now be dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I now will respond to the request.

Your Request

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

The maintenance contractor spray all hard surfaces within the site boundary's, including courtyards.

**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?**

Round-Up Pro Vantage

What is your policy on the use of glyphosate? / What precautions were taken ahead of its use?

A full risk and method statement captured before works start, this covers many different Hazards and control measures inclusive of use of substances hazardous to health (use of selected chemicals) an example of the control measures are as follows- Identify target species of weeds to be sprayed. Work is carried out in line with manufacturers guidebook for specific requirements.

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 –

The amount of Round Up use per calendar year (March-November) varies anywhere between 15L & 20L.

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I hope this answers your request. If you have any further queries about this matter then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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