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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to the use of herbicide containing Glyphosate on hospital grounds.

You asked:

This is a request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. I would like to request the following information:

- 1. What is your policy for weed control in the hospital's grounds?*
- 2. Do you use herbicides containing glyphosate eg. Roundup, Weedol etc*
- 3. If yes, what do you use What areas have been sprayed with herbicides containing glyphosate?*
- 4. What is your policy on the use of glyphosate?*
- 5. What precautions were taken ahead of its use?*

For the calendar years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, please can you tell me:

- 6. The volume of these herbicides you have used and the cost*

Trust response:

- Maidstone Hospital site is managed by the Grounds & gardens team who periodically use weed killer around the site where required.
- Weed killer used is Gallup Biograde Amenity which is a systemic herbicide for the control by foliar uptake of most broad leaved and grass weeds. It contains 360 g/l of glyphosate (30.7% w/w) as a soluble concentrate. This solution is diluted in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and an understanding of COSHH by users related to this product. Application is by watering can (with spray nozzle) and not sprayed.
- Areas that have been weeded usually have weedkiller applied if safe to do so as recommended by the manufacturer.
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as we have a biodiverse and sustainability strategy & ethic encouraging pollinators.

5. Any area that is intended to have weedkiller applied are pre-weeded and appropriate PPE/COSHH measures followed. Any areas treated would ensure no people or animals are in the vicinity (we have public outside spaces). Maximum individual dose of product and maximum total dosage safety precautions.

6. The Trust can provide figures from Oct 2019 to date:

2019 none £0

2020 Purchased X22 litres £521 +VAT

2021 Purchased X16 litres £814 +VAT

2022 to date none £0 (stock held).