

Request Title: Weed control in Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust Premises

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Date Range: 2018-1022

FOI Request:

1. *What is your policy for weed control in the hospital's grounds?*
2. *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?*
3. *What is your policy on the use of glyphosate?*
4. *What precautions were taken ahead of its use?*
5. *For the calendar years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, please can you tell me:*
6. *The volume of these herbicides you have you used and the cost.*

Our Response:

1. What is your policy for weed control in the hospital's grounds? **We do not have a policy for weed control.**
2. Do you use herbicides containing glyphosate eg Roundup, Weedol etc If yes, what do you use? **Yes, the herbicide used is "Roundup".**
3. What areas have been sprayed with herbicides containing glyphosate? **Path and carpark.**
4. What is your policy on the use of glyphosate? No formal policy. **However, guidance provided is to "only use when absolutely necessary and use alternative products where possible".**
5. What precautions were taken ahead of its use? **Areas are all external and areas blocked off with localised spraying – PPE to be worn.**
6. 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. **From October 2021, we have used 2.5L, which cost £22.**

Please note, NHSPS only onboarded Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust starting from October 2021, therefore, we do not hold information prior to this date.