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Subject: Use of herbicide containing Glyphosate on hospital grounds

REQUEST & RESPONSE

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

Our policy is to hand weed areas on site as much as possible, with the use of wood chip it helps slow down the growth of weeds within the beds as much as possible this helps us to keep the usage of the chemical to a very minimal amount.

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

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

The areas that are sprayed with weed killer are hard stand areas and fence lines.

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

The policy for the use of weed killer, is to keep the usage to the absolute minimum and do as much hand weeding as possible, we use wood chip to help suppress the growth of weeds where possible.

5. What precautions were taken ahead of its use?

- Read the label carefully and follow the direction on the label.
- Checking the sprayer before starting spray (i.e. is the nozzle broken).
- Use only flat fan spray nozzle.
- Clean the sprayer with clean water before and after spraying.
- Mix the herbicide in small quantities.
- We do not spray on days when it raining & windy.
- Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when applying.

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

The grounds and gardens are maintained through the Trusts Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Contract by Vinci Facilities.

- The amount used each year is approx. 10 litres.
- The cost is £50.00 plus VAT per annum.