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Dear

I am responding to your request for information received **6th June 2022**. This has been treated as a request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Shuchi Joshi

Senior Information Governance Coordinator – Information Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your EIR request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

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Request:



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Chief Executive: Paul Calaminus
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Question 1: What is your policy for weed control in the hospital's grounds

Answer The Trust sub contracts gardening services to OCS Group who have provided the information to respond to your request.

All established beds: are hand weeded and hoed. OCS use Roundup ProVantage 480 for weed control on hard standing areas ONLY; this is classified by COSHH as non-hazardous. They are spot sprayed rather than blanket sprayed.

However, spraying will only be carried out in calm conditions to prevent spray drift. An assessment will always be carried out before each application and recorded in an "Application Book" by a trained PA1/PA6 operative.

**Question 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?**

Answer Roundup ProVantage 480 is used on all established beds.

Question 3: What is your policy on the use of glyphosate?

Answer OCS use a non-hazardous product.

Question 4: What precautions were taken ahead of its use?

Answer:

- Only trained operatives spray (PA1/PA6)
- Weeds higher than 10cm are strimmed before application
- Operatives wear PPE and carry a spill kit
- The application mix is prepared off site
- An assessment is carried out per site before application
- Spraying is recorded