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Date: 17th May 2019

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 14th May 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding glyphosate.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 Please can you tell me how much the Trust has spent on glyphosate weed killer in each financial year over the past five years?

A1 At the Royal Stoke University Hospital, the spend on glyphosate weed killer is approximately £500 per annum. At County Hospital (Stafford) the spend was:

- June 2014 - £69.00
- May 2015 - £63.62

Information is not held prior to the merger in 2014. Please note that the dilution rate is approximately 100 mls to 5 litres of water therefore this is not needed yearly and we limit to the areas we use it on.

Q2 Please include the product name.

A2 At the Royal Stoke University Hospital the products we use are Glyphosate PROACTIVE and Glyphosate Herbicide. At County Hospital the products we use are Glyphosate 360 Herbicide and Glyphosate Herbicide.

Q3 Please can you also tell me where on the Trust' premises this product is used.

A3 These products are used around car parks, building parameters, court yards and gutters.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

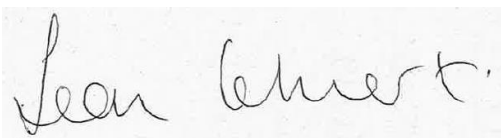
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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