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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 3rd June 2022 (received into our office 6th June) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding weed killer.

The University Hospitals of North Midlands Trust is committed to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

However, the NHS is facing unprecedented challenges relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic at the current time. Understandably, our resources have been diverted to support our front-line colleagues who are working tremendously hard to provide care for our patients, and to those in need of our services.

We strive to be transparent and to work with an open culture. But at this time, whilst care of our patients and the safety of our staff takes precedent, it is likely that responses to some requests for information will be delayed. We apologise for this position in advance, and will endeavour to provide you with as much information as we can, as soon as we are able.

The Information Commissioners Office has recognised the current situation in the NHS.

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

- **What is your policy for weed control in the hospital's grounds?**
- **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?**
- **What is your policy on the use of glyphosate?**
- **What precautions were taken ahead of its use?**

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



• **The volume of these herbicides you have you used The cost**

A1 The answers to the questions posed are relevant to County Hospital site.
Yes products containing glyphosate have been used on site, since 2018 to present. Motif and Round up Provantage have been used respectively. Areas sprayed include car parks building parameters and planted borders where appropriate.

Policy is Manufacturers guide lines are followed. In compliance with health and safety recommendations.

Environmental checks are undertaken prior to use these include weather checks ground conditions etc.

Regarding quantities used 2018 Motif	2940 millilitres
2019 Motif	2850 millilitres
2020 Motif	1000 millilitres
Round up pro vantage	2150 millilitres
2021 Round up pro vantage	2000 millilitres
2022 Round up pro vantage	1250 millilitres, to date.

Product Cost Pro Vantage £55.00/ 5 litres

Royal Stoke Hospital Site:

Yes products containing Glyphosphate are used on site –Glyphos Proactive.

Areas treated include general areas car parks, grass verges, building perimeters. Use carried out in line with the manufacturer's instruction, product used only when weather conditions permit.

Usage:

2018	8880MLTS
2019	13225MLTS
2020	13760MLTS
2021	7250MLTS
2022	3540MLTS to date.

Product Cost £65.00 per 5 litres.

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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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.

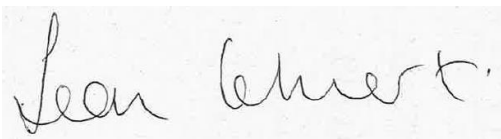
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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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