

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2022.062**  
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Thank you for your email received 3 June 2022 requesting information regarding weed control.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

**Summary of your original request:**

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

Please see attached pesticides policy statement.

Please note that contact details have been removed from this document as this constitutes personal information which is exempt under Section 40(2) in conjunction with Section 40(3A)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which relates to 'Personal Information'.

An excerpt of the relevant Freedom of Information legislation can be found below:

**Section 40 – Personal information**

*(2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—*

*(a) it constitutes personal data which does not fall within subsection (1), and*

*(b) either the first, second or third condition below is satisfied.*

*(3a) The first condition is that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act*

*(a) would contravene any of the data protection principles, or*

*(b) would do so if the exemptions in section 24(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (manual unstructured data held by public authorities) were disregarded.*

***Do you use herbicides containing glyphosate eg Roundup, Weedol etc If yes, what do you use***

Yes, Roundup Vista Plus.

***What areas have been sprayed with herbicides containing glyphosate?***

Car parks and weeds on shrub beds.

***What is your policy on the use of glyphosate?***

***What precautions were taken ahead of its use?***

Please see attached risk assessment and pesticides policy statement.

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

Chair John Goulston Acting Chief Executive Gordon Flack

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

The volume used is:

2022	9.5 litres
2021	13 litres
2020	12 litres
2019	6 litres
2018	5.5 litres