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Date Received: 22nd April 2025

Response Due: 21st May 2025

Date: 7th May 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 22nd April 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

1. **A list of all -cides used by the Trust. This is inclusive of, but not limited to: any and all avicides, biocides, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, and rodenticides.**
Ardee – Herbicide.
2. **The annual cost and volume of purchase of each of these -cides, broken down by -cide, from January 2014 to December 2024. Please list this on a spreadsheet (CSV), broken down by:**
 - a. **-Cide** = Herbicide.
 - b. **Product Name** = Ardee.
 - c. **Volume Purchased** = 4 x 20L.
 - d. **Price Paid** = £422.40.
 - e. **Purchase Date** = 3rd April 2025.
3. **A list of each of these -cides' use, by volume. Through this I am trying to ascertain whether the purchased volume is matched by the used volume, so if there is a record of expired or unused -cides too, that would be ideal. Please add this to the above CSV as an additional column, also on an annual basis over the same time period. Please list volume in either litres or kilograms, whichever is more appropriate.**
Ardee = x4 20L. The product does not expire and is only purchased when required, therefore there is no waste product. The use of the product is determined by the seasons, a wet year will result in more product being used, a dry year would mean less of the product is used.

The Grounds and Gardens Team who use the herbicide, have no records from 2014 - 2024 as requested. From April 2025, records are being retained for audit purposes.

- 4. Only if available and easily accessible, the location and purpose of each specific -cide's use. For the former, this may be classified by: location grouping, address, coordinate, or otherwise.**

The product is used as a spot-weeder after dilution at the following sites:

Royal Albert Edward Infirmary,
Wigan Lane,
Wigan,
Lancashire,
WN1 2NN.

Wrightington Hospital
Hall Lane,
Appley Bridge,
Wigan,
Lancashire,
WN6 9EP

Leigh Infirmary,
The Avenue,
Leigh,
Lancashire,
WN7 1HS

Thomas Linacre Centre,
Parsons Walk,
Wigan,
Lancashire,
WN1 1RU

For all of the above, please only list -cide use for facilities not managed by NHS Property Services. Where relevant, also include the -cide use of defunct Trusts now integrated into the current Trust.

If any of the individual pieces of information listed above are not available but others are, like cost and volume, then please signal this while responding with the other available information. Additionally, if records are only available for a time period less than that specified above, please provide these instead of rejecting the request as a whole.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Tabitha Gardner
Chief Finance Officer

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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Wilmslow
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 111