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Dear ,

The trust acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) request, referenced above. Please ensure you quote this number in any future correspondence.

Please accept the Trust's apologies for the delay and inconvenience you have experienced regarding your FOIA request.

FOI Request

You asked us:

I would like to request the following:

- 1. A list of all -cides used by the Ambulance Service. This is inclusive of, but not limited to: any and all avicides, biocides, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, and rodenticides.**
- 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:**
 - 1. -Cide**
 - 2. Product Name**
 - 3. Volume Purchased**
 - 4. Price Paid**
 - 5. Purchase Date**
- 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.**
- 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.**



For all of the above, please only list -cide use for facilities not managed by NHS Property Services.

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 this request goes beyond time and cost restrictions, please respond with its time and cost estimate and recommendations to cut this down so that I can effectively follow up.

Formal Response

The Trust confirms it holds part of the information you have requested.

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The only 'cide' used on the SECAMB contract is herbicide for the treatment of weeds.

The active ingredient of the herbicide is glyphosate and the product itself is called Roundup Pro Vantage 480. We have used different products in the past 10 years, but the main ingredient has always been glyphosate.

We cannot accurately provide quantity used as we don't record the amount of chemicals used per site, only per employee per day as per the regulations. The spray operative will likely have visited other contracted sites in the day so we won't know how much was used specifically on SECAMB estates.

We do however have estimates on the expected quantity based on assessment made during the tender which is around 7 litres of herbicide annually.

Next steps

We publish a variety of information which may assist future enquiries relating to our service on our website – www.secamb.nhs.uk.

Should you be dissatisfied with our response then in the first instance please contact Richard Banks, Head of Corporate Governance, via the following email address: FOI@secamb.nhs.uk

You can ask us to review our original response. If you would like us to carry out an internal review, please let us know within 40 working days of you receiving our original response. This review will be conducted by an individual who was not directly involved in reviewing the original response, ordinarily, the Trust Data Protection Officer. We will endeavour to complete this request within 20 working days.

Should you remain dissatisfied then you can contact the [Information Commissioner's Office](http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints) (ICO). Complaints to the ICO should be made within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints.

Alternatively, the ICO's postal address is:
Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

**Freedom of Information Coordinator
South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust**



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