

FOI Reference Number: FOI/426/1819

Date: 21 January 2019

Request:

1. Please can you state which Council you are answering on behalf of
2. Does the council or its contractors currently use glyphosate-based weedkillers?
3. Does the council have any internal guidance on where and how glyphosate-based weedkillers should be used? If yes please attach a copy of the guidance to your return email.
4. Can you give me all addresses or types of location (eg park, school playing field etc) where glyphosate-based weedkillers are used by the council?
5. How much has the council spent on glyphosate-based weedkillers for the financial years:
6. How many complaints has the council received for its use (or its contractors' use) of glyphosate-based weedkillers in the financial years:

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 02 January 2019.

Please find below, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to glyphosate based weed killers.

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Mid and East Antrim BC

2. Does the council or its contractors currently use glyphosate-based weedkillers?

Yes

3. Does the council have any internal guidance on where and how glyphosate-based weedkillers should be used? If yes please attach a copy of the guidance to your return email.

Yes, staff trained to current standards PA1 and PA6

Supported by product label guidance and safety data sheets as attached and management experience of same over many years.

4. Can you give me all addresses or types of location (eg park, school playing field etc) where glyphosate-based weedkillers are used by the council?

Types of location include Cemeteries, Park Areas, Pathways, Playing Fields and scrub beds.

5. How much has the council spent on glyphosate-based weedkillers for the financial years: 2014-15 / 2015-16 / 2016-17 / 2017-18

Circa 3 K per year and relatively set cost

6. How many complaints has the council received for its use (or its contractors' use) of glyphosate-based weedkillers in the financial years: 2014-15 / 2015-16 / 2016-17 / 2017-18

None.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/426/1819 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.