Sharing plant cuttings

**When do you need to register to the plant health authority?**

Using the [DEFRA factsheet](https://planthealthportal.defra.gov.uk/assets/uploads/Amateurs-Hobbyists-Factsheet-v2.pdf) for this event we, the learning team, would not be considered professional growers as we plan to give away the plants for free (do not plan to make a profit).

Looking at [Article 2(9)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2016/2031/article/2) and [Article 65(1)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2016/2031/article/65) we can see that the members of learning team would not be considered a professional operator. However, individuals in the horticultural team would be so they cannot give away plants unless they are registered with the plant health authority as they take part the maintenance and care of the horticultural collection.

**When do you need to register for plant passport?**

According to the [governments guidelines regarding plant passports](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/issuing-plant-passports-to-trade-plants-in-great-britain#when-you-need-a-uk-plant-passport). Only plants sold by those suppling retailers, and retailers that sell plants through distance contracts (e.g., online or/and shipped). You do not need a plant passport for retail sale if you plan to sell to customers in person.

For our event all plants will be given away in person for personal use meaning that no plant passport is required for plants we give away at the event.

Links used

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2016/2031/article/2>

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2016/2031/article/65>

<https://planthealthportal.defra.gov.uk/assets/uploads/Amateurs-Hobbyists-Factsheet-v2.pdf>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/issuing-plant-passports-to-trade-plants-in-great-britain#when-you-need-a-uk-plant-passport>

<https://planthealthportal.defra.gov.uk/assets/uploads/Flowcharts-Online-PDF.pdf>

<https://www.plantheritage.org.uk/conservation/conservation-cultivation-advice/plant-legislation/>

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/prevention-protection/importing-and-exporting-plants>