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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request No: AD/IG/01(2)/3802-22

Subject: NIAS Estate Services

Request:	Date Received:	15/09/2022
	Date of Monitoring:	16/09/2022
	Date of Response:	06/10/2022

Thank you for your request for information received on 15 September 2022 which was dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS) Health and Social Care Trust has now completed its search for the information you requested in relation to the below question and would respond as follow.

Hard FM - (Electrical, mechanical, plumbing maintenance)

Question 1

Who is the current provider of Hard Facilities Management across your estate (hospitals mainly)? Or perhaps this is managed by an in house team?

Answer 1

Hard FM Services are currently outsourced to Maurice Flynn & Sons Ltd. We do not operate in any hospitals.

Question 2

If an outsourced provider, when was this contract awarded and what length is the contract? Is an extension available?

Answer 2

This contract was awarded on 03/08/2020 for 18 months.
The contract has been extended for 13 months until 31/03/2023.

Question 3

If an outsourced provider, when do you expect this contract to come back out to tender?

Answer 3

A new Hard FM contract is currently being outsourced through a nationally available procurement Framework.



Question 4

If managed in house, is there an incumbent supplier supplying electrical products? If so, when does this contract expire?

Answer 4

Electrical products are available to NIAS through various nationally available frameworks that are not managed by Estates.

I hope the above fully assists you.

Please note that, under the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations, if you wish to publish or otherwise use this information besides for your own means, you will need to seek our permission to do so.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible, or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter.

In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Director of Planning, Performance and Corporate Services, Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS) HSC Trust, Site 30, Knockbracken Healthcare Park, Saintfield Road, Belfast, BT8 8SG.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request, you may make a complaint under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the Trust has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act.

You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

Website: ni@ico.org.uk

Post: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE SK9 5AF

Telephone: 028 9027 8757 or 0303 123 1114 (Belfast based Office)

In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out. However the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Please be advised that NIAS replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ <http://www.niamb.co.uk>.

Personal details in respect of your request will have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Yours sincerely

(not signed – issued by email)

_____ **Information Governance Department**

