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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request No: AD-IG-01(2)/2182-22

Subject: Payment Settlement Additional Role:
Marauding Terrorist Attack (MTA)

Request:	Date Received:	02/02/2022
	Date of Monitoring:	03/02/2022
	Date of Response:	28/02/2022

Thank you for your request for information received on 2 February 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 and that is detailed below.

Question 1

What is the additional annual payment for each NIAS member for this MTA role?

Answer 1

There is no annual payment for each NIAS member for this role.

Question 2

What other additional payments are associated with this role; training days paid at overtime rate expenses etc?

Answer 2

Each member of the MTA team is planned for two days training per annum. This can be as part of their duty or if it falls on an off duty day they can claim over time for the hours worked (training). If there is a necessity for the member of staff to be at the training and they are already on duty they can be stood down from their duty and their original shift will be covered by overtime as managed by the Resource Management Centre (RMC).

All staff trained for an MTA incident are expected to participate on an on call rota. The Trust is committed to having 12 staff available to respond at all times. To enable this, in addition to the HART duty crew, outside normal working hours (9-5 week days) there is always 10 staff on call. The on call payments available are as set out in the agenda for change terms and conditions.



Question 3

What is the total additional annual salary costs for all NIAS service personnel undertaking this additional MTA role?

Answer 3

The total salary costs for NIAS response to a marauding terrorist attack is £445,797 plus the total costs for on call as described in answer to question 2 above £124,234.

Question 4

What is the total number of NIAS service personnel that will be trained on MTA.

Answer 4

The number of staff required to be trained was originally set at 72 however the number of staff trained is currently under review. The Department of Health are asking for HART MTA to provide an enhanced response based on the new SORT model currently being rolled out across the UK.

Question 5

What is the total annual costs for training, equipment etc for MTA?

Answer 5

The total annual costs for MTA response in the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service is £717,234

This covers salary

- full time HART staff and
- training days
- equipment
- vehicle running costs,
- consumables
- and estate costs

Question 6

What percentage of pay did each employee receive for taking on the new mta role?

Answer 6

There is no percentage of pay available for those who provide the MTA role.

I hope this fully assists you.

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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.

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Website: ni@ico.org.uk

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Yours sincerely

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