



15 June 2022

Email:

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request No: AD/IG/01(2)3154-22

Subject: Balance held within bank accounts used to fund the ambulance service

Request: Date Received: 10/06/2022
 Date of Monitoring: 13/06/2022
 Date of Response: 15/06/2022

Thank you for your request for information received on 10 June 2022 which was dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. 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

Balance (£) held within bank accounts used to fund the ambulance service.

Answer 1

In common with other Health and Social Care (HSC) Trusts, The Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS) draws down cash directly from the Department of Health (DoH) to cover both revenue and capital expenditure. Cash deposits held by the Trusts are therefore minimised and any interest earned is repaid to the DoH.

Amounts held in bank accounts vary on a daily basis but, for example, the closing bank balance of the Trust at 31 March 2022 was £1.764m. This is against a total cash requirement of £125m for the year.

I hope this fully assists you. 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

Information Governance
Officer