24 May 2024

Email:

Dear Mr

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request No: 27823-24

Subject: Prompt Payments Stats

Date Received: 22/04/2024

Date of Monitoring: 23/04/2024

Thank you for your request for information received on 22 April 2024 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
For the last three months precedent to your reply to this request, please provide:

1. Number of invoices received by NIAS
2. Number of invoices paid within 10 days 3. Number of invoices paid within 30 days

- each broken down by month.

I note:

1) NI Public Sector Prompt Payment Commitment is to pay within 10 days

2) Statistics published by DOF provide these monthly figures for DOH as a whole. These statistics are fed by each of the Health Trusts so one would reasonably expect the NIAS figures to be readily available for inquiry.

3) "Three months precedent" means, for instance, if your reply is sent after 1 May I seek figures for February, March and April.

Answer
Please refer to the table below which has been provided by the Finance Department in response to the request.

FOI QUESTION(S)	ANSWER(S)
1. Number of invoices received by NIAS	6,954

2. Number of invoices paid within 10 days	4,733
3. Number of invoices paid within 30 days	6,692

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:
Email: ni@ico.org.uk
Website: ICO Website
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 @ https://nias.hscni.net Personal details in respect of your request will have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Yours sincerely

(not signed – issued by email)

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Information Governance Team