



13 June 2025

Email:

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request No: 33729-24

Subject: EV Vehicles

Date Received: 14/10/2024

Thank you for your request for information received on 14th October 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. The Trust would apologise the delay in the provision of a response.

FOI QUESTION(S)	ANSWER(S)
1. How many fast response vehicles are in use by the NIAS and how many of these are now EV?	42 NIAS don't have any EV Rapid Response Vehicles in operational use.
2. Is there a lifetime saving / cost to using EV vehicles against standard Diesel / Petrol alternatives? How much is this saving/cost per vehicle?	NIAS have not done any work on calculating the likely difference in operating an EV against a conventional petrol or diesel vehicle. n/a
3. How much was spent on providing infrastructure to charge these vehicles at base?	Expenditure £44k
The EV vehicles which I have seen are smaller in size to those they have replaced, are there operational limitations to EV vs Diesel in room for equipment and how has this been risk assessed?	The small number of EV's we do have are sitting in non-response RRV roles, and don't need to carry the same amount of equipment. Not required as the operational RRV cars are still roughly the same size.
4. How has the range and potential for downtime for charging been risk assessed operationally?	Not applicable as we don't have any operational vehicles



I hope the above fully assists you.

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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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Yours sincerely

(not signed – issued by email)

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