



NIAS REF: 33591-24 Botox

Dear

I would advise that the NIAS is a pre-hospital organisation and therefore we do not operate an acute hospital service to the public in terms of hospital specialties and ward / associated treatments. This would fall under the remit of each individual Health & Social Care Trust operating within Northern Ireland as detailed below:

Northern Health & Social Care Trust  
Belfast Health & Social Care Trust  
Western Health & Social Care Trust  
South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust  
Southern Health & Social Care Trust

I would suggest making contact with each of the FOI leads in the above Trust's (emails addresses will be available via their websites) and they should be able to assist you further.

The information requested is not held by the NIAS.

Kind regards

*Information Governance Officer*

**From:**

**Sent:** 16 September 2024 16:29

**To:** NIAS FOI <[foi@nias.hscni.net](mailto:foi@nias.hscni.net)>

**Subject:** Freedom of information request

**RE: Request under the Freedom of Information Act (2000)**

**Dear Information Team**

This is an information request relating to Botox treatments administered by the NHS  
Please include the following information for 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24:

- **Total expenditure by the NHS on Botox treatments** (Botulinum toxin injections) for all purposes, including cosmetic and medical treatments, for each financial year.
- Total number of people that received botox treatments for each financial year
- A **breakdown of the spending** on Botox treatments by medical necessity (e.g., for conditions such as chronic migraines, muscle spasms, excessive sweating, etc.) versus cosmetic purposes (if any such spending is applicable).



Northern Ireland Ambulance Service  
Health and Social Care Trust



In this breakdown include where on the body the treatment was administered.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for.

I would prefer a response via email, but if this is not possible, I will gladly accept letters to the address below.

Please acknowledge this information request as soon as possible.

Kind regards,