



10 December 2024

Email:

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request No: 33441-24
Subject: HEMS Intubation Log Request
Date Received: 27/08/2024

Thank you for your request for information received on 27th August 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

This request relates to the NIHEMS Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for pre-hospital emergency anaesthesia. Appendix 7 in this document details the information fields that are maintained in the HEMS intubation log.

NIAS information relating to this request is also contained in the document 'Prehospital Anaesthesia by a helicopter emergency medicine service: a review'. This was published in the Journal of Paramedic Practice in July 2023. Link below:

<https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=11403&d=s4DL5IRLyY-zk8YKrkoQzY25Q28vkiJW2jbWzDuRcw&u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2emagonlinelibrary%2ecom%2fdoi%2ffull%2f10%2e12968%2fjpar%2e2023%2e15%2e7%2e280>

The article confirms that a digital app is used to allow for real-time updates.

The intubation log includes - among other information – incident location and key timings (related to time passed between call, decision to go mobile, at patient side, RSA intubation, left scene, etc) Obviously confidential patient information should not be provided.

Can you please provide information from this intubation log for all entries since 1 April 2022 up until today:

– postcode district (of incident location) – timings: call – timings: decision/mobile – timings: at patient – timings: RSI/intubation – timings: left scene



Answer

Please see enclosed 'IG 33441 Summary Report'. We have not released postcodes under Section 40 exemption of the [Freedom of Information Act 2000 \(FOIA\)](#), as disclosure would breach the [UK General Data Protection Regulation \(UK GDPR\)](#) principles.

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)

Information Governance Team