



7 January 2025

Email:

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request No: 33429-24
Subject: Ambulance Fleet Information
Date Received: 23/08/2024

Thank you for your request for information received on 23rd 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 response for 2/4 questions you submitted and the responses are detailed below.

Question

1. The number and type of vehicles in the fleet e.g. cars, rapid response vehicles, various ambulance types, motorbike etc
2. The approximate cost of the various vehicle types when fully equipped.
3. Are rapid response vehicles 4-wheel drive, can they transport patients to hospital, are they single or double crewed.
4. How much faster do rapid response vehicles respond to an emergency call.

Answer

1. Please see enclosed 'Copy of Fleet List Nov 24 FOI PDF'.
2. We are unable to provide costs of vehicles due to this being commercial sensitive information and have discussed this with our contractors who in most cases aren't willing to share this information. However, as discussed and agreed I can inform you that we could purchase 3 RRV's for the cost of an A&E. Plus we could purchase nearly 2 PCSs for the cost of an A&E.
3. Only some of the RRV's are 4x4. None of our RRV's are setup to carry patients. However, where and when it is clinically appropriate and safe to do so, and space is available within the vehicle, RRV Paramedics will utilise their vehicle to transport patients to hospital. In normal circumstances, RRV vehicles are staffed by one Paramedic. These resources are also used to support staff development meaning that Paramedic Students may also be allocated to the resource, working under the direct supervision of the RRV paramedic.
4. Please see attached 'summary Report 33429-24' including rapid response vehicles response times and non rapid response vehicles response times.

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