



6 November 2024



Email:

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request No: 33389-24
Subject: NIAS Ranking Structure Information Request
Date Received: 17/08/2024

Thank you for your request for information received on 19th 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.

FOI QUESTION(S)	ANSWER(S)
<p>a) Can you please provide a list and hierarchy (or some form of structure denoting reporting lines) of every rank within the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS).</p>	<p>Please see structure diagram provided by operations Directorate:</p>  <p>OPS STRUCTURE NIAS Oct 2024.pdf</p>
<p>b) Can you also please provide epaulettes/rank descriptors for each rank as appropriate.</p>	<p>Please see illustration of epaulettes in use by NIAS provided by Operations Directorate:</p>  <p>NIAS epaulettes Oct 2024.JPG</p>
<p>c) Can you please outline responsibilities/areas of command for each rank for officer/command positions, e.g. Station Supervisor runs a station, Station Officer runs an area, Area Service Manager runs a region etc</p>	<p>An Area Manager is responsible for a Divisional area with a number of stations within it. There are currently 5 Divisions within NIAS. A Station Officer has responsibility for a group of stations within a Divisional area eg. Northern Division has 10 Stations within its area. Please also see: Find Our Offices NIAS (hscni.net)</p>



d) If it is a possibility please provide a boundaries map outlining areas and stations with what rank is responsible for each, similar to one hosted by the Police Service of Northern Ireland	A comparable map to the PSNI example you provided is not available in NIAS at this time.
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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