



29 November 2024

Email:

Dear


FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request No: 31412-24

Subject: Request for Information & Documentation in Relation to TARN

Date Received: 13/08/2024

Thank you for your request for information received on 13th 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.

<p>1) Can I ask for minutes or informal notes of meetings that happened before November 2022? With regards to discussions on the removal of surgery and the impact on trauma?</p>	<p>All communications with NIAS / WHSCT / NIMTN have previously been provided through SPPG, including an email trail. Minutes of meetings will be stored at WHSCT as they were the host organisation.</p>
<p>2) With regard to TARN – when we spoke, you had told us that there were people in each trust manually recording the data for all traumas. I know that that is an essential part of algorithms moving forward. Therefore, can I please have published in the past months in fact almost now well over a year since the cyber-attack happened.</p>	<p>We are working with NHS England to restore data submission, date tbc. Data collation continues to support submissions.</p>
<p>3) As a second part of that question, can you just let me know which person in each trust and which rank are the ones who are recording the data on all trauma? Whether that is retrospective or not</p>	<p>Dedicated trauma data co-ordinators for all participating sites</p>
<p>4) You mentioned in the room that you were considering reverting in some way from the version of the call and send protocol issued last summer 2023. Can I have the most up-to-date version of that, please?</p>	<p>Updated version going to CAG for approval November 2024.</p>  <p>Updated Draft - CPG 15 Call Send pr</p>
<p>5) Can I also ask and ideally not have to wait under FOA for any other clinical advisory group minutes held since summer 2023</p>	<p>September 2023 CAG minutes attached. The next meeting was Aug 24 and</p>



which should identify the challenges that not having TARN would highlight

awaiting November 2024 to approve minutes.



CAG draft minutes
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I hope the above fully assists you.

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Yours sincerely

(not signed – issued by email)

Information Governance Team