



25 October 2024

Email:

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request No: 31388-24
Subject: Performance Based Contracts
Date Received: 09/08/2024

Thank you for your request for information received on 12 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. The Trust would apologise for the delay in the provision of a response.

FOI QUESTION(S)	ANSWER(S)
Are performance-based contracts being utilized in the broadly defined healthcare sector in your entity (Health Board/Trust)? Timespan: no limit.	NIAS' procurement is in line with HSC' Procurement & Logistics guidelines, who operate under the Northern Ireland Public Procurement Policy (NIPPP), which embeds of performance management in public contracts.
If so, what specific cases of such contracts can be identified?	The above applies to all contracts.
Will the number of such contracts increase, decrease, or remain the same in the future?	NIAS do not hold contract volume forecasts.
Have there been any legal proceedings or court rulings related to such contracts?	While no timeframe is specified in the question, there have been no recent relevant legal proceedings.
If so, what specific cases of such legal proceedings or court rulings can be identified?	N/A
Do these contracts improve the quality of healthcare services? I do not mean here opinion but rather objective report/feedback/study.	N/A
Are such contracts positively evaluated? I do not mean here opinion but rather objective report/feedback/study.	N/A
Are these contracts available for analysis? I would like to analyse among others the	N/A



specific Performance Indicators used in these contracts.	
Is there any specific legislation that provides the legal basis for entering into such contracts for healthcare services? In other words, what is the legal basis for entering into such contracts in the healthcare sector?	All contracts are entered into through the Procurement and Logistics Service (PaLS), part of the Business Services Organisation (BSO) in Northern Ireland, operating as a Centre of Procurement Expertise (CoPE) and following the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

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