



7 September 2023

Email:

Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

**Request No:** 11350-23  
**Subject:** Pride Month  
**Date Received:** 05/06/2023  
**Date of Monitoring:** 05/06/2023

Thank you for your request for information received on 5 June 2023 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 fully apologise for the delay in the provision of a response.

**Question 1**

Whether any events have been organised for Pride month. If so please provide the date, start and end time, and title/topic of the event

**Answer 1**

NIAS supported Pride, in accordance with our Section 75 Equality and Good Relations duties, by participating, along with our regional health and social care colleagues, in the Belfast Pride Parade on 29 July 2023 to highlight health and social care as an equal, diverse and inclusive employer.

**Question 2**

Whether any LGBT themed merchandise has been purchased for Pride month. i.e. since the beginning of the 2023/24 financial year. If so please provide me with information on what has been purchased and the cost

**Answer 2**

NIAS did not purchase any merchandise.

**Question 3**

Whether the organisation has sponsored any Pride events. If so which events and please provide details of the nature of the sponsorship (particularly the financial value)

**Answer 3**

NIAS, along with our regional health and social care colleagues, participated in the Belfast Pride Parade on 29 July 2023. Participation by NIAS staff in this event was on a voluntary, unpaid basis and therefore no cost was incurred by NIAS as a result.



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](mailto:ni@ico.org.uk)

**Website:** [ICO Website](http://www.ico.org.uk)

**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 @ <http://www.niamb.co.uk>. Personal details in respect of your request will have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Yours sincerely

*(not signed – issued by email)*

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