



18 July 2023

Email:

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request No: 14420-23
Subject: EHIC Cards
Date Received: 26/06/2023
Date of Monitoring: 27/06/2023

Thank you for your request for information received on 26 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.

Questions

How much has the organisation spent on providing treatment to foreign patients supplying an EHIC card for the 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years?

How much has been recovered from the relevant health authorities for treatment provided through EHIC for the 2020/21, 2021/22, and 2022/23 financial years?

Answer

We do not hold this information. Ambulances are free of charge.

You may wish to contact the local health trusts on this matter as they deal with acute services and treatment provided within an accident emergency department and may capture this information. The link below provided further information regarding health and medical emergency services for visitors to Northern Ireland.



Health and medical emergencies services for visitors to Northern Ireland

Visitors to Northern Ireland can receive treatment for accidents and emergencies free of charge. This page contains information on getting medical treatment at hospital emergency departments. It also features information on how to contact a doctor (general practitioner or GP), pharmacist and dentist.

Contents

- Medical emergencies
- Paying for treatment and exemptions
- Pharmacists
- Services provided by a GP
- GP out of hours services
- Mental health services
- Dental services

Other health services

- Abortion services
- Allied health professionals (AHP)
- Cardiology services
- Community nurses and health visitors
- Community pharmacists
- Diabetes Foot Care Pathway for Northern Ireland
- Health and medical emergencies services for visitors to Northern Ireland
- Podiatrists
- Regional centres for cataracts and varicose veins treatment
- Speech and language therapy

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/health-and-medical-emergencies-services-visitorsnorthern-ireland>

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:

Website: ni@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)

Information Governance Team