



24 October 2023

Email:

Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

**Request No:** 22125-23  
**Subject:** NIAS Operational Staff Numbers  
**Date Received:** 13/10/2023  
**Date of Monitoring:** 16/10/2023

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

*I'm a final year journalism student at Ulster University and am completing an investigative journalism module focusing on research techniques.*

*I'm studying the ambulance service and hoping you can help with a FoI request. My questions are:*

**1. How many frontline emergency ambulances d'you have operational?**

A1. The Accident & Emergency Fleet has a total of 116 emergency ambulances. The number of vehicles which are operational at any one time is dependent on a number of factors e.g. planned maintenance.

**2. How many active Paramedics d'you have available?**

A2. NIAS is funded for a total of 471 operational paramedics. This figure includes paramedics working on double crewed ambulances as well as Rapid Response Paramedics working as lone responders.

The figure does not include paramedics working in other roles e.g. clinical education.

**3. How many active EMT's d'you have available?**

A3. NIAS is funded for a total of 304 Emergency Medical Technicians.



#### 4. How many active EAC's d'you have available?

A4. NIAS do not employ this grade of staff.

#### 5. How many crews d'you have on the road per shift?

A5. NIAS plan to deliver operational crews as follows:

Monday	DS 65	NS 47
Tuesday	DS 64	NS 47
Wednesday	DS 64	NS 47
Thursday	DS 64	NS 47
Friday	DS 62	NS 52
Saturday	DS 60	NS 52
Sunday	DS 60	NS 51

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](#)

**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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