



2 July 2025

Email:

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request No: 40691-25
Subject: Fleet Disposal Processes - 2025
Date Received: 15/05/2025

Thank you for your request for information received on 15th May 2025 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.

FOI QUESTION(S)	ANSWER(S)
<p>1. In the last 12 months, how many vehicles have been sent to auction for sale?</p> <p>Please provide the vehicle's registration number, make, and model and the disposal sale value remitted to the trust?</p> <p>Do you receive information from auction regarding the individual value achieved for each vehicle sold? If so</p> <p>At which auction were the vehicle(s) sold?</p>	<p>In the last 12 months the Trust have sold 112 vehicles.</p> <p>Please see attached Summary Data.</p> <p>All details and prices of vehicles were on the Auctions remittance.</p> <p>All vehicles were sold through Wilsons Auctions, Mallusk.</p>
<p>2. Does your trust have a policy or documentation on the disposal of Ambulance vehicles and their resale, including to private Ambulance operators and charities?</p>	<p>No. We keep the Ambulance function minus MDT and Radio if donated or sold to public authorities or charities, no sales to private companies, just auction.</p>
<p>3. Does your trust have a policy on removing markings from vehicles sold at auction and removing blue lights and emergency warning systems? If so, please provide a copy of the policy or any related documentation.</p>	<p>No. We leave lights as they are but remove the control systems and return to the manufacturer.</p> <p>Wilson's remove NIAS call signs, NIAS crest and the Word "AMBULANCE" are also removed from Patient Care Service and A&E vehicles, while on Rapid Response Vehicle's they remove the Battenburg too.</p>



4. Does the trust send vehicles to Merthyr Motor Auctions? If so, do you have an agreement or contract with Merthyr Motor Auctions? If so, please provide a copy of the contract or agreement.	No, all contracted to Wilsons Auctions
5. Has your trust granted permission to Merthyr Motor Auctions to dispose of ambulances and rapid response vehicles, such as cars that are blue-light equipped and marked with Battenburg, to be sold still liveried and with the blue lights? If so, could you please provide a copy of any emails or correspondence related to the disposal of vehicles and whether a risk assessment was carried out?	N/A
6. Are you charged a fee for the disposal of the vehicles sent to Merthyr Motor Auctions? If so, how much are you charged for each vehicle sold?	N/A
In respect of the above, Question 5 is the sale and disposal of ambulances and RRV risk assessed in terms of potential damage or illegal use and reputational damage to your Ambulance Service Trust?	N/A
7. Do you have a contractual period for the use of Merthyr Motor Auctions and if so when does the contract expire?	N/A

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
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