



29 August 2025

Email:

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request No: 43104-25
Subject: financial over and under payments to staff
Date Received: 29/07/2025

Thank you for your request for information received on 29th July 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 – APPLICANT NARRATIVE	
If financial year is not possible, please provide instead by calendar year / any other format in which you hold your data	
Wherever possible (and where this doesn't impact on cost) please provide the information in Excel format.	
FOI QUESTION(S)	ANSWER(S)
For each of the following financial years (24/25, 23/24, 22/23, 21/22, 20/21): The number of financial overpayments made to staff number of financial underpayments made to staff. The respectively amounts of overpayments in GBP (£) the respective amounts of underpayments in GBP (£)	Please see Section 12 exemption outlined below.
And then the number of times bailiffs or any other debt enforcement agency was brought in to pursue trust staff in order to recover overpayments	

Section 12 of the FOIA provides an exemption from a public authority's obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit. To provide a response to the questions identified above would exceed the Freedom of Information Act 2000 appropriate fee limit.

The Trust has estimated that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450.00/18 hours. The appropriate limit has been specified in the FOI regulations. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Trust is therefore not obliged to comply with your request and we are unable to process your request further.



It is currently estimated that to locate, extract, retrieve and collate the information requested above would take more than 48 hours.

This section of the letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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.

If you require an internal review to be undertaken, please request this via the email address: information.governance@nias.hscni.net

Or submit via

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, 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](http://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)

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