



8 September 2025

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Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

**Request No:** 43187-25  
**Subject:** Cost of bariatric equipment  
**Date Received:** 12/08/2025

Thank you for your request for information received on 12<sup>th</sup> August 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.

<b>FOI – APPLICANT NARRATIVE</b>																									
<p>The purpose of this request is to gather data on the cost of bariatric equipment.</p> <p>I am seeking data on the following for each of the following calendar years: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and partial data for 2025 if available.</p> <p>If data is instead held by financial years (i.e. 2021-2022), I confirm that I am happy for the data to be provided in this format instead.</p>																									
<b>FOI QUESTION(S)</b>	<b>ANSWER(S)</b>																								
1. The total cost (in GBP) of bariatric ambulances purchased or leased, broken down by calendar or financial year.	We are unable to answer this question as there are no bariatric specific ambulances. Currently most ambulances (A&E) are designed to take all patient types including bariatric.																								
2. The total cost (in GBP) of all bariatric equipment purchased or leased, broken down by calendar or financial year.	<p><b>Bariatric Equipment Costs</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>2020</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>2021</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>2022</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>2023</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>2024</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>2025</td><td>£2,685.64</td></tr> </table> <p><b>Bariatric Trolleys Costs</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>2020</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>2021</td><td>£37,848.80</td></tr> <tr><td>2022</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>2023</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>2024</td><td>£34,995.00</td></tr> <tr><td>2025</td><td>-</td></tr> </table>	2020	-	2021	-	2022	-	2023	-	2024	-	2025	£2,685.64	2020	-	2021	£37,848.80	2022	-	2023	-	2024	£34,995.00	2025	-
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3. The total number of callouts where a bariatric ambulance was deployed, broken down by calendar or financial year.	Please see attached dataset.
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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](mailto: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](mailto: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)*

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**Information Governance Team**

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