



NIAS REF: 38546-25

Good Afternoon

I would advise that the NIAS is a pre-hospital organisation and therefore we do not operate an acute hospital service to the public in terms of hospital specialties and ward /associated treatments/diagnosis of food poisoning.

This would fall under the remit of each individual Health & Social Care Trust operating within Northern Ireland as detailed below:

Northern Health & Social Care Trust
Belfast Health & Social Care Trust
Western Health & Social Care Trust
South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust
Southern Health & Social Care Trust

I would suggest making contact with each of the FOI teams in the above Trust's (emails addresses will be available via their websites) and they should be able to assist you further.

The information requested is not held by the NIAS.

Kind regards
Information Governance Officer

Sent: 15 April 2025 21:46
To: NIAS FOI <foi@nias.hscni.net>
Subject: FOI Request: Food Poisoning due to Wild Food

Dear Information Officer

I would like to submit a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) regarding cases of food poisoning due to incorrect identification or inappropriate preparation of wild food.

Please provide the relevant information for the period between 1 April 2020 and the most recent date for which data is available.

Please could you provide the following:

- a. A yearly breakdown of the number of cases of food poisoning due to incorrect identification or inappropriate preparation of wild food.
- b. The type of wild food that caused the food poisoning (for example: fungi, plant, berries, etc...). Please include the specific species if known.
- c. The symptoms experienced by the patient and the recovery time (for example: overnight stay or discharged within a couple hours)
- d. The location where this food was picked.

We would **define 'wild or foraged' foods** to be either:

- a. Wild, naturally growing food which was picked and consumed by an individual



- b. Wild, naturally growing food which was consumed by an individual, but was served in a restaurant environment, having been picked in the wild within the UK.

If you need to carry out a key terms search to locate these records, please include the terms “foraged”, “foraging”, “wild food”, “forager”, “wild ingredients”. If you would document these cases in another way, please include these results as per the spirit of my request.

If you feel that my request is unclear or too broad, I would be grateful if you could provide me with some guidance as to how I could refine it.

Please provide the response in an excel spreadsheet. Please send an acknowledgement that this request has been received.

Thank you in advance for your time.

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