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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request No: 41802-25

Subject: current and planned usage of solar energy across your estate

Date Received: 09/06/2025

Thank you for your request for information received on 9th June 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. Governance & Responsibility</p> <p>-Do you have a dedicated person or team responsible for solar energy investment and/or sustainability energy initiatives within your organisation?</p> <p>-If so, please provide their role/title (personal names are not required).</p>	<p>Not at this time</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>2. Current Solar Deployment</p> <p>-How many solar panel installations (PV systems) do you currently operate across your estate?</p> <p>-What is the total installed capacity of these systems (in kWp)?</p> <p>-What proportion of your organisation’s energy usage is currently provided by solar generation?</p>	<p>One</p> <p>9.9Kw</p> <p>Less than 1%</p>



<p>3. Investment & Strategy</p> <p>-Does your organisation have a documented investment strategy for expanding the use of solar panels or increasing on-site renewable energy generation?</p> <p>-If so, please provide a copy of or link to the relevant strategy or plan (or summarise key points if not published).</p>	<p>No</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>4. Solar and Net Zero Commitments</p> <p>-Does solar energy form part of your organisation's Net Zero / Carbon Reduction Strategy?</p> <p>-If yes, how is progress against this strategy communicated to the public (e.g. via website, reports, dashboards, etc.)?</p>	<p>NIAS don't currently have a Net Zero / Carbon Reduction Strategy</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>5. Future Plans</p> <p>-Are there any planned solar panel projects or expansions within the next 3 years? If yes, please provide high-level details (e.g. number of sites, scale of deployment, approximate timescales).</p> <p>-Have you conducted any feasibility studies on increasing solar capacity in the past 3 years? If so, can these be shared?</p>	<p>Not currently, but this will form part of any future sustainability, net zero strategy and estates strategy</p> <p>None conducted</p>
<p>6. Procurement & Partnerships</p> <p>-Does your organisation currently use any third-party companies or frameworks to deliver solar energy solutions or manage installations? If yes, which ones?</p> <p>-Are there any upcoming procurement exercises planned relating to solar energy or wider renewable energy solutions?</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>

<p>7. Battery Storage</p> <p>-Do you currently use battery storage alongside your solar panels?</p> <p>-Are there plans to invest in battery storage in future?</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Unknown at this stage</p>
<p>8. Funding</p> <p>-Has your organisation accessed or applied for any external funding to support solar energy projects (e.g. SALIX, Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme, LEP funding)?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>9. Barriers</p> <p>-What are the main barriers your organisation faces to further adoption of solar energy (e.g. funding, planning restrictions, roof suitability, internal resource)?</p>	<p>Currently there is no dedicated sustainability resource within the organisation.</p>

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

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