



Good morning

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. We 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 nurses, hospital specialties and ward /associated treatments. 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

We would suggest making contact with each of the FOI leads 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

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From:

Sent: 13 February 2026 10:45

To:

Subject: FOI request – nurses on long-term sickness leave

Dear FOI officer,

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the number of registered nurses on long-term sick leave.

Please provide the following information, using the most recent data available, **as well as the same information for the equivalent, or nearest, date in 2021 and 2016.**

1. The total number (head count) of all registered nurses employed by the trust or health board at Agenda for Change Band 5 and above. **[E.g. 02/02/2026 - 1,506; 02/02/2021 - 1,321; 02/02/2016 - 1,234]**
2. Of these registered nurses (Band 5 and above), how many are/were absent from work on long-term sick leave, which is defined as sickness absence lasting more than 28 consecutive calendar days. **[E.g. 02/02/2026 - 30; 02/02/2021 - 12; 02/02/2016 - 25]**

If possible, please confirm the date at which each dataset was accurate.



Please return this information within the 20-working day deadline provided under statute – by my reckoning this is **Friday 13 March**.

Please let me know if you have any questions in order to process this request.

Kind regards

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