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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request No: 47104-26
Subject: Scope of Practice, Formulary and Kit
Date Received: 02/02/2026

Thank you for your request for information received on Monday 2nd February 2026 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)
Firstly, I would like to request a copy of the "Scope of Practice" for all skills sets (Ambulance Care Assistant, Emergency Medical Technician, Paramedic, Advanced Paramedic in Critical Care, Advanced Paramedic in Urgent Care, Critical Care Paramedic, and finally Doctor) and what medications that each skill set is able to carry and administer.	Currently NIAS do not have an internally approved scope of practice document to share externally. Please see attached document 'info for FOI on administration...' for medications carried and administered by Paramedics, Emergency Medical Technicians, Doctors and APCC/HEMS doctors. Advanced Paramedic Urgent Care role is still in development and medication list is currently under development and not publishable at this time.
I would like to know what different kit is carried by ambulance crews broken down by their skill level (ACA, EMT, Paramedic, Advanced Paramedic in Urgent Care, Advanced Paramedic in Critical Care, Critical Care Paramedic, and Doctor).	Please see attached documents. 'vehicle aide print' provides kit lists for ACA (PCS) vehicle, A+E vehicle (paramedic/EMT). 'HEMS equipment' document details kit lists for our APCC/HEMS teams, which include kit for doctors working on HEMS. We do not hold a kit list for the role of APUC as this is still in development.
I would also like to know what is contained in each of the kits (e.g. Primary Bag containing a medication bag, airways bag, diagnostics bag, and what is contained in each individual compartment) for each kit including those carried by Paramedics, Advanced Paramedic in Urgent Care, Advanced Paramedic in	This question is covered in the previous answer. However, further to the detail in the 'vehicle aide print' document we have updated kit lists for our 'primary response bag' and 'maternity-paediatric response bag' and these are attached in the corresponding documents.



Critical Care, HEMS Paramedic, and Doctor. This may be advanced kits held by the AP's which may contain things such as intubation equipment or advanced medications.	See 'info for FOI on administration of medicines....' document for contents of drugs bags for various clinical roles/ vehicles.
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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

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.

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Email: ni@ico.org.uk
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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

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