



24 March 2026

Email:

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request No: 47320-26
Subject: pothole damage
Date Received: 07/03/2026 Saturday

Thank you for your request for information received on 9th March 2026 (Monday) 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)
For each of the following calendar years respectively 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022 and 2021: How many ambulances in your fleet have been damaged by potholes, including damage to tyres, wheels, steering alignment? What has the repair cost been?	NIAS do not record this information.
How many times has an ambulance been taken out of service to be checked after pothole related damage?	NIAS do not record this information.
Have there been any incidents where a pothole related problem has delayed the conveyance of a patient to hospital? Can you please supply examples.	NIAS do not record this information.
Has your trust successfully claimed compensation for pothole related damaged to your ambulances – and if so how much compensation was received?	No.

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.

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
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)

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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