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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request No: 47288-26

Subject: NIAS medicines formulary and legal authorisation mechanisms.

Date Received: 03/03/2026

Thank you for your request for information received on 3rd March 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)
1. A copy of the current NIAS medicines formulary (or equivalent document) listing medicines authorised for use within the service.	See table below.
2. Where the scope of medicines differs by staff group or role (e.g. EMT, Paramedic), a document or table setting out the medicines authorised for each role.	
3. Any document(s) held by NIAS which identify, for each medicine authorised for non-prescriber administration or supply, the legal mechanism relied upon, such as: 3.1 Human Medicines Regulations exemptions (including Schedule 17 and/or Schedule 19 where applicable), 3.2 Patient Group Directions (PGDs), 3.3 Patient Specific Directions (PSDs), 3.4 Independent or supplementary prescribing, 3.5 or any other statutory exemption or mechanism relied upon.	
4. If NIAS does not hold a consolidated document mapping each medicine to its legal mechanism, please confirm this and provide any document(s) that record how NIAS determines or documents the legal basis for administration/supply.	NIAS does not record this information.
5. The role titles (not personal names) of the senior accountable leads for: 5.1 Medicines governance, 5.2 Controlled drugs governance, 5.3 PGD governance.	5.1, 5.2, 5.3: Medical Director and Lead Pharmacist



Answer for Questions 1, 2 and 3: Relevant section from NIAS Standard Operating Procedure (SOP): Medicines Administration v3.0

Drug	Authorisation to administer	Paramedic	EMT/AAP	AAP Student	Advanced Paramedic Critical Care
Adrenaline 1:10,000 (1mg/10ml) pre-filled syringes	Schedule 17	✓			✓
Adrenaline 1:1000 ampoules	Schedule 19	✓	✓	✓	✓
Amiodarone 300mg/10ml pre-filled syringes	Schedule 17	✓			✓
Aspirin 300mg dispersible tablets	Trust Protocol	✓	✓	✓	✓
Atropine 600mcg/ml ampoules	Schedule 19	✓			✓
Benzylpenicillin 600mg vials	Schedule 17	✓			✓
Calcium Chloride 10% Pre-filled syringe	PGD				✓
Ceftriaxone 2g vial	PGD				✓
Chlorphenamine 10mg/ml ampoule	Schedule 19	✓			✓
Co-Amoxiclav 1.2g vial	PGD				✓
Dexamethasone 2mg soluble tablets	PGD	✓			✓
Diazepam Injection and Rectal preparations	PGD	✓			✓
DuoDote	Schedule 19	✓	✓	✓	✓
Entonox	Trust Protocol	✓	✓		✓
Flumazenil 500micrograms/5ml Injection	PGD				✓
Furosemide 50mg/5ml ampoules	Schedule 17	✓			✓
Glucagon 1mg injection	Schedule 19	✓	✓	✓	✓
Glucose 10% infusion	Schedule 17	✓			✓
Glucose 40% oral gel	Schedule 19	✓	✓	✓	✓
Glyceryl Trinitrate 400mcg/dose sublingual spray	Trust Protocol	✓	✓	✓	✓
Haloperidol 5mg/ml Injection	PGD				✓
Hydrocortisone 100mg vial	Schedule 19	✓			✓
Ipratropium bromide 250mcg/ml nebulas	Trust Protocol*	✓	✓		✓
Ketamine Injection	PGD				✓
Levetiracetam 500mg/5ml Ampoule	PGD				✓
Magnesium Sulphate 50% w/v injection	PGD				✓
Methoxyflurane 99.9% 3ml vapour	PGD	✓			✓
Midazolam Injection	PGD				✓
Misoprostol 200mcg tablets	PGD	✓			✓
Morphine Sulfate Injection	Schedule 17	✓			✓
Morphine Sulfate Oral Solution	PGD	✓			✓
Naloxone 400mcg/ml ampoules	Schedule 19	✓	✓	✓	✓
Naloxone 2mg/2ml pre-filled syringes	Schedule 19	✓	✓	✓	✓
Naloxone 1.8mg/dose nasal spray	Schedule 19	✓	✓	✓	✓

Ondansetron 4mg/2ml injection	Schedule 17	✓			✓
Oxygen**	Trust Protocol	✓	✓	✓	✓
Paracetamol 500mg tablets	Trust Protocol	✓	✓	✓	✓
Paracetamol 120mg/5ml oral suspension sachets	Trust Protocol	✓	✓	✓	✓
Paracetamol 1g/100ml infusion	Schedule 17	✓			✓
Salbutamol 2.5mg/2.5ml nebulas	Trust Protocol*	✓	✓		✓
Salbutamol 5mg/5ml	PGD				✓
Sodium Bicarbonate 8.4% 100ml Bottle	PGD				✓
Sodium Chloride 0.9% infusion	Schedule 17	✓			✓
Sodium Chloride 2.7% 500ml Polyfusor	PGD				✓
Tranexamic acid 500mg/5ml ampoules	PGD	✓			✓

*POMs – should be PGD but NIAS administering by Trust Protocol to allow AAP/EMT use due to historical practice, current skill mix of crews and risk to life if not available. In recognition of this only qualified staff are permitted to use as students are always supervised.

** Oxygen may be administered by Ambulance Care Assistants in certain situations (see Oxygen Protocol)

Advanced Paramedics in Urgent Care are currently trainees and have the same scope of practice as Paramedics.

I hope the above fully assists you.

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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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Yours sincerely

(not signed – issued by email)

Information Governance Team

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