



24 June 2026

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request No: 49768-26
Subject: Type IIR face masks
Date Received: 28/05/2026

Thank you for your request for information received on 28th May 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)
Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information relating to Type IIR face masks supplied to the Trust during the COVID-19 pandemic, for the period 1 March 2020 to 31 December 2023.	
The total quantity of Type IIR surgical face masks ordered or received by the Trust during this period.	The total quantity of Type IIR surgical masks received by NIAS during the period 1 st March 2020 to 31 st December 2023 was 1,785,000.
Of those, the total quantity manufactured by or supplied through Paragon Health, including the date ranges of those orders or deliveries.	The information requested is not held by NIAS. For awareness Section 1 FOI Act only applies to information that a public authority already holds in recorded form at the time of a request. There is no requirement for public authorities to create new information to respond to a FOI request. NIAS would advise masks were supplied from Business Services Organisation (BSO) Procurement and Logistics Services (PaLS). You may wish to contact BSO PaLS to request information held by them regarding Type IIR surgical masks. A link to their website has been provided for ease: Freedom of Information - Business Services Organisation (BSO) Website
The number of formal complaints, incident reports, or health and safety reports logged by the Trust in relation to Type IIR face masks during this period, broken down by year if possible.	There were 33 adverse incidents reported on the Trust's incident reporting system relating to Type IIR Facemasks between 1 March 2020 and 31 December 2023.



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](http://ico.org.uk)

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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