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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request No: 47658-26

Subject: Average Mileage by Staff Role 2023/24 & 2024/25

Date Received: 01/05/2026

Thank you for your request for information received on 4th 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)

1. *Average miles per full-time equivalent (FTE) per year* for the following roles, excluding Rapid Response Vehicle solo paramedics:

- Paramedic – Emergency Ambulance
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) – Emergency Ambulance
- Ambulance Care Attendant (ACA) – Emergency Ambulance
- Ambulance Care Attendant (ACA) – Patient Care Service/Non-Emergency

2. *Time period*: Financial years 2023/24 and 2024/25, or the most recent 12-month period available.

3. *Geographic breakdown*: If held, please provide figures split by NIAS Division: Belfast, South Eastern, Northern, Southern, Western.

4. *Methodology notes*: Please include how mileage is recorded — e.g. per vehicle vs per crew member, and whether dead mileage/repositioning is included.

If the exact data is not held, please provide:

- Total fleet mileage for emergency ambulances, and total number of FTE crew by role/division, so an average can be derived.
- Any internal reports or management data that show mileage by station or division.

ANSWER(S)

NIAS can confirm that it does not hold the data requested above. As per the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 1 FOIA only applies to information that a public authority already holds in recorded form at the time of a request.



Public authorities are not required to create new information in response to an FOI request. However, NIAS does hold data relating to total fleet mileage, per year which has been provided below.

Total fleet mileage for emergency ambulances (A&E only, as these are the only vehicles which are marked as emergency ambulances, the rest are just marked as ambulance):

- 2024-2025 – 3662384 miles
- 2025-2026 – 4279768 miles
- 2025-2026 – 4104386 miles

I hope the above is of assistance to 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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