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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

**Request No:** AD-IG-01(2)-2017-3

**Key Word:** Cost of Uniforms

**Subject:** Cost of Uniforms

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Thank you for your request for information received 20 January 2017 and which was dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We would also inform you that Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS) Health and Social Care Trust has now completed its search for the information you requested and which is detailed below for your attention.

**Question 1**

Could you please provide me with the total cost to NIAS to replace all uniforms?

**Answer 1**

In September 2016, NIAS moved to a new green uniform. The total cost of this roll out to all staff was around £232k. This included all core items listed in Answer 4 below, with the exception of Hi Viz Tabards and High Vis Over-trousers, Helmets and Boots. An estimate of the cost to replace these items would be of the order of £195K

**Question 2**

Does this cost include printing and embroidering etc or is this separate?

**Answer 2**

Yes. The costs and estimates quoted in Answer 1 above include printing and embroidering.

**Question 3**

Also who now provides these uniforms?

**Answer 3**

The suppliers to NIAS under the framework agreement include:  
Ballyclare Ltd and Special Wear Ltd

**Question 4**

Please provide details for all greens, hi viz, boots, helmets etc

**Answer 4**

Current Core NIAS items include:

- Green shirt
- White t-shirt
- Green cargo trousers
- Trouser belt
- Green Soft shell
- Hi Viz jacket



Hi Viz tabard  
Hi Viz over trousers  
Epaulettes  
NIAS currently use the A7A helmet  
Current footwear is Trojan G98 Safety boot and Trojan S3 safety shoe

I hope that 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.

In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Finance and ICT Director, Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS) HSC Trust, Site 30, Knockbracken Healthcare Park, Saintfield Road, Belfast, BT8 8SG.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, 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:

**Website:** [ni@ico.org.uk](mailto:ni@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)

In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out. However the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion. Please be advised that NIAS replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ <http://www.niamb.co.uk>. Personal details in respect of your request will have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Yours sincerely

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