



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request No: AD-IG-01(2)-74-2017
Key Word: Investigatory Powers Act
Subject: Investigatory Powers Act
Request: **Date Received:** 15/06/2017
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 Date of Response: 13/07/2017

Thank you for your request for information received 15 June 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 and is detailed below for your attention.

Question 1

Any policies, directives or guidance around the use of Internet Connection Records (ICRs), from November 2016 to the date this request is processed

Answer 1

At this time, no policy, directives or guidance around the use of Internet Connection records from November 2016 to date is held

Question 2

How many times this organisation/department has requested access to ICRs

Question 3

How many times this organisation/department has been successful in gaining access to ICRs

Question 4

For what purpose each of the requests for ICRs was for (i.e., investigation into corruption, etc)

Answer 2, 3 and 4

No information held.

Background Information

Part 3 of the Investigatory Powers Act 2016 (IPA), which concerns the acquisition of communications data by relevant public authorities, has yet to be commenced. Therefore no ICRs have been acquired under the IPA.

Your request has been interpreted as seeking information related to the acquisition of internet connection records (ICRs) under the Investigatory Powers Act 2016 (IPA).

Part 4 of the IPA, which concerns the retention of communications data by communications service providers under a retention notice, was commenced on 30 December 2016. Part 3 of the IPA, which concerns the acquisition of communications data by relevant public authorities, has yet to be commenced. Therefore no information is held in regards to parts two to four of your request and as stated above.



You may wish to note that the use of powers under the IPA are subject to independent oversight by the Investigatory Powers Commissioner. The Commissioner has a mandate to audit and inspect compliance by public authorities and will report publicly on the use of communications data powers.

In response to Question 1 of your request, NIAS does not hold any information however we are aware that the draft Communications Data Code of Practice sets out guidance for the acquisition of communications data, including ICRs and can be found at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/investigatory-powers-bill-codes-of-practice.

I hope the above fully assists you. 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.

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

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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