



9 February 2016

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request No: AD-IG-01(2)-2016-7
Key Word: Burns Prevalence
Subject: Burns Prevalence
Request: **Date Received:** 18/01/2016
Date of Monitoring: 19/01/2016
Date of Response: 09/02/2016

Thank you for your request for information received on 18 January 2016 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.

Question 1

I wish to find out the number of people inquiring about/ have had a childhood burn. Children are ideally to be defined as 0-16 years old, such that they have not reached their 16th birthday. The data would ideally be from either the 2013/14 or 2014/15 financial year.

Answer 1

The data provided below has been extracted from the Trust's Command and Control system for 2014/15. However we would confirm that at point of contact the age of the patient may not be held or may be inaccurate. As you will appreciate a 999 caller may not know a patient and is making an estimation of age. The data has been extracted on the basis of the chief complaint of BURNS (Scalds)/EXPLOSION (Blast).

2014/15

BURNS (Scalds)/EXPLOSION (Blast): 543 calls/505 responses
BURNS (Scalds)/EXPLOSION (Blast) 16 Years and under: 60 calls/58 responses

Please further note that a response may not translate into a transport to Hospital. We can confirm that of the 58 responses to incidents to 16 years and under 51 patients were noted to travel to Hospital.

Please further note that 334 records out of the 543 records did not have an age contained in the record

From the 58 responses to patients identified as 16 Years and under we can confirm:

51 patients transported to a Hospital environment
7 patients did not travel to Hospital at that time



For the 60 calls identified as BURNS (Scalds)/EXPLOSION (Blast) 16 Years and under we manually read what's the problem freetext field and identified the following :

30 calls: Scalded in bath or hot water
17 calls: Hot Drink split over them
3 calls: House Fire
10 calls: Other classifications ie burnt leg with candle, set hair on fire etc

I would further confirm that this information should be used in a cautionary manner as it evident that data quality issues are evident ie missing information on ages etc so potentially under reporting is evident. Callers may also present under other clinical chief complaints.

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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Subject: Burns Prevalence
Request: **Date Received:** 09/02/2016
Date of Response: 07/04/2016

Thank you for your request for information received on 9 February 2016 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.

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2013 / 14

BURNS (Scalds)/EXPLOSION (Blast): 520 calls/488 responses
BURNS (Scalds)/EXPLOSION (Blast) 16 Years and under: 71 calls/69 responses

Please further note that a response may not translate into a transport to Hospital. We can confirm that of the 69 responses to incidents to 16 years and under, 56 patients were noted to travel to Hospital.

Please further note that 212 calls out of the 520 calls did not have an age contained in the record.

From the 69 responses to patients identified as 16 Years and under we can confirm:

- 56 patients were transported to a hospital environment
- 13 patients did not travel to Hospital at that time

For the 69 calls identified as BURNS (Scalds)/EXPLOSION (Blast) 16 Years and under we manually read what's the problem freetext field and identified the following :



25 calls: Scalded in bath or hot water
16 calls: Hot Drink split over them
2 calls: House Fire
26 calls: Other classifications ie burnt leg with candle, set hair on fire etc

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