



10 March 2016

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

**Request No:** AD-IG-01(2)-2016-18

**Key Word:** Asthma

**Subject:** Asthma

**Request:**           **Date Received:**           12/02/2016  
                          **Monitoring Date:**       13/02/2016  
                          **Date of Response:**      10/03/2016

Thank you for your request for information received on 12 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 and attached for your attention.

**Question 1**

From 1 February 2013, broken down by month, please provide information in relation to Cat A, B and C attendances to incidents identified as asthma related. Please include whether the patient transported to Hospital. If the age of the patient is also held, please provide.

**Answer 1**

As requested, data has been attached in Excel spreadsheet labelled FOI-18 and which contains the requested data. It has been provided on the Chief Complaint of Breathing Problems with the sub-codes for asthma used as previously advised and sourced from the Trust's Command and Control system. This relates to Category A, B and C activity only and does not include Card 35 data (aws previously confirmed). If age was captured in the system we have also captured this and placed into 0-5years etc. We have provided presented data and raw data for your manipulation as required.

As previously advised, we may be under reporting activity as callers with asthma will present under other chief complaints. There may also be minor data quality issues with the data provided and to use in a cautionary manner.

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](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.

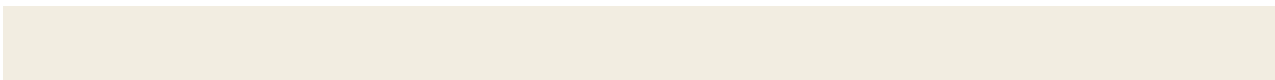
Yours sincerely

***Alison Vitty***

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**Alison Vitty (Miss)**  
**CORPORATE MANAGER**

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## Attendances to incidents identified as asthma related

For Despatch / Disposition codes 06C01A, 06D01A, 06D02A, 06D03A, 06D04A, 06E01A, 06D00A, 06E00A

Date: 01/Feb/2013 - 31/Jan/2016

### 2013

Category	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
<b>A</b>		205	231	212	154	172	155	146	151	173	162	212	1973
<b>B</b>		47	51	55	42	41	54	40	43	58	56	70	557

### 2014

Category	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
<b>A</b>	262	191	234	198	225	259	196	184	200	226	256	286	2717
<b>B</b>	77	53	65	47	45	59	44	52	61	51	55	71	680

### 2015

Category	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
<b>A</b>	276	258	227	234	206	260	224	220	261	265	243	331	3005
<b>B</b>	75	66	71	63	62	59	55	46	59	59	71	66	752

### 2016

Category	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
<b>A</b>	329												329
<b>B</b>	78												78
<b>Totals</b>	1097	820	879	809	734	850	728	688	775	832	843	1036	10091

Note: All patients were transported to hospital

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### For Despatch codes

- 06C01A - BREATHING PROBLEMS - Abnormal Breathing (Asthma)
- 06D00A - BREATHING PROBLEMS - Delta override (Asthma)
- 06D01A - BREATHING PROBLEMS - Not Alert (Asthma)
- 06D02A - BREATHING PROBLEMS - DIFFICULTY SPEAKING BETWEEN BREATHS (Asthma)
- 06D03A - BREATHING PROBLEMS - CHANGING COLOUR (Asthma)
- 06D04A - BREATHING PROBLEMS - Clammy (Asthma)
- 06E00A - BREATHING PROBLEMS - Echo override (Asthma)
- 06E01A - BREATHING PROBLEMS - INEFFECTIVE BREATHING (Asthma)

#### 2013

Disposition	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
06C01A	22	18	26	26	21	23	16	18	23	29	47	269	
06D01A	34	36	47	26	31	39	30	18	30	25	33	349	
06D02A	168	189	159	125	137	113	113	129	138	137	177	1585	
06D03A	3	6	5	3	3	3	3	3	4			35	
06D04A	25	33	29	16	20	31	24	25	35	27	23	288	
06E01A			1		1			1	1			4	

#### 2014

Disposition	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
06C01A	42	24	28	17	23	29	20	28	22	22	20	35	310
06D00A								1					1
06D01A	49	42	44	35	41	46	29	24	30	31	33	58	462
06D02A	208	145	187	156	178	204	165	156	165	185	215	219	2183
06D03A	2	3	3	7	3	8	2	4		7	3	8	50
06D04A	35	29	37	30	22	30	24	23	39	29	35	36	369
06E01A	3	1			3	1			5	3	5	1	22

#### 2015

Disposition	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
06C01A	31	34	29	25	28	26	28	22	27	23	30	31	334
06D01A	57	43	60	34	52	49	40	30	52	49	48	67	581
06D02A	206	212	162	194	149	200	178	174	200	214	187	256	2332
06D03A	9	3	4	4	2	9	6	14	7	2	8	5	73
06D04A	44	32	42	38	34	33	27	24	32	36	41	35	418
06E00A						1							1
06E01A	4		1	2	3	1		2	2			3	18
06C01A	37												37
06D01A	52												52
06D02A	270												270
06D03A	5												5
06D04A	41												41
06E01A	2												2
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#### 2013

Age Range	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
0 - 10	19	8	20	12	9	12	5	12	14	13	19	143	
11 - 20		13	22	10	5	17	6	14	13	16	12	14	142
21 - 30		16	15	17	18	14	20	11	19	17	26	15	188
31 - 40		14	15	11	9	13	12	7	11	11	11	9	123
41 - 50		22	36	22	16	27	18	15	20	16	15	22	229
51 - 60		35	35	37	38	34	34	34	28	37	41	41	394
61 - 70		50	47	53	37	36	37	42	30	48	32	52	464
71 - 80		54	65	48	47	39	39	36	37	46	39	70	520
>= 80		29	39	47	13	22	29	20	24	26	29	37	315
Not Known				2	1	2	2					3	12

#### 2014

Age Range	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
0 - 10	16	11	21	9	6	14	8	1	16	12	20	11	145
11 - 20	10	10	17	10	9	12	7	9	15	15	13	13	140
21 - 30	13	17	20	11	14	16	12	14	20	14	17	8	176
31 - 40	10	10	18	15	16	13	12	7	7	14	11	12	145
41 - 50	27	15	18	16	23	22	11	17	21	16	20	25	231
51 - 60	52	24	33	34	32	54	40	31	42	57	50	53	502
61 - 70	60	65	46	45	53	56	61	46	39	51	71	90	683
71 - 80	105	59	83	58	76	81	60	71	64	61	68	95	881
>= 80	45	32	42	46	38	50	29	37	35	36	40	49	479
Not Known	1	1	1	1	3			3	2	1	1	1	15

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Age Range	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
0 - 10	16	9	19	8	13	11	4	6	16	26	23	12	163
11 - 20	12	13	11	11	10	13	11	12	12	14	12	13	144
21 - 30	28	26	18	23	16	17	26	25	22	30	26	32	289
31 - 40	49	38	46	44	39	35	37	36	55	46	39	54	518
41 - 50	75	68	65	69	52	64	48	56	45	66	63	76	747
51 - 60	80	93	75	70	69	91	89	60	79	64	74	100	944
61 - 70	65	57	43	47	37	57	41	52	52	43	54	71	619
>= 80													
Not Known				1	1	2	1	1	1		1	1	9

#### 2016

Age Range	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
0 - 10	13												13
11 - 20	13												13
21 - 30	16												16
31 - 40	13												13
41 - 50	31												31
51 - 60	72												72
61 - 70	91												91
71 - 80	92												92
>= 80	65												65
Not Known	1												1
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