



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

**Request No:** AD-IG-01(2)-2016-73-A-B  
**Key Word:** Road Traffic Incidents  
**Subject:** A4/A5  
**Request:**           **Date Received:** 27/06/2016  
                          **Date of Response:** 27/07/2016

Thank you for your request for information received on 27 June 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 and which is detailed below and attached for your attention.

### Question 1

Can you please detail the number of road traffic incidents NIAS attended on the A5 road from April 1 2013 to present. Can you break the figures down as follows:

A5 Derry to Strabane (Victoria Road, Barnhill Road)

A5 Strabane to Omagh (Strabane bypass/Great Northern Link, Melmount Road, Mulvin Road, Strabane Road, Beltany Road)

A5 Omagh to Ballygawley (Great Northern Road, Doogary Road, Curr Road, Omagh Road)

A5 Ballygawley to Aughnacloy (Tullyvar Road)

### Question 2

Can you provide the number of road traffic incidents incidents since May 2011 where a fatality was recorded on the A5, broken down by section of the road and year?

### Question 3

Can you provide the number of road traffic incidents attended by NIAS on the A4 dual carriageway between Ballygawley and Dungannon since November 17 2010, broken down by year?

### Question 4

Can you provide the number of fatal road traffic incidents recorded along the same route since November 17 2010, broken down by year?

### Answer 1-4

Please refer to attachment labelled FOI-73\_A\_B\_RTCs. As previously advised we can only take the data back three years (data has been flattened prior to this date) so the information we have provided is based on the period of 18 July 2013 to 18 July 2016.

The data provided is also based on information sourced from the Trust's Command and Control system and based on the extraction of road traffic incidents with a Chief Complaint of "TRAFFIC / TRANSPORTATION INCIDENTS" and a pickup location within 100m of the specified roads, where a NIAS Vehicle arrived on scene. Fatalities extraction was based on those incidents with a Call Stopped Reason of "Patient Deceased", a Chief Complaint of "TRAFFIC / TRANSPORTATION INCIDENTS" and a pickup location within 100m of the specified roads. However, we can confirm that we have been unable to identify that a stop



code of Patient Deceased was used for the closing any of the calls associated with road traffic incidents in the areas you identified. There is no doubt that a number of patients involved in road traffic collisions in those areas detailed may have had potentially life-threatening injuries and died subsequently thereafter. We would also confirm that many road traffic collisions have multiple patients and if a patient is pronounced life extinct at scene and another patient in the road traffic incident transports to Hospital there may be no stop code recorded.

As previously advised the Police Service of Northern Ireland produce statistics on road traffic collisions including fatalities etc

I hope the above and attached 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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## INF-16-132 - ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS ON A4 AND A5

Number of Road Traffic Incidents (RTI) and associated fatalities NIAS attended on A5 (broken down into sections) and A4 between 18th July 2013 and 18th July 2016

Year	A5								A5 Total		A4		Overall Total	
	Derry to Strabane		Strabane to Omagh		Omagh to Ballygawley		Ballygawley to Aughnacloy		RTCs	Fatal RTCs	RTCs	Fatal RTCs	RTCs	Fatal RTCs
2013	7	0	10	0	12	0	1	0	30	0	2	0	32	0
2014	16	0	14	0	14	0	4	0	48	0	2	0	50	0
2015	16	0	20	0	17	0	4	0	57	0	2	0	59	0
2016	16	0	8	0	12	0	2	0	38	0	2	0	40	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>0</b>

Please note, these values are obtained from the C3 system.

Road Traffic Incidents counted are those with a Chief Complaint of "TRAFFIC / TRANSPORTATION INCIDENTS" and a pickup location within 100m of the specified roads, where a NIAS Vehicle arrived on scene. Fatalities were taken to be those incidents with a Call Stopped Reason of "Patient Deceased", a Chief Complaint of "TRAFFIC / TRANSPORTATION INCIDENTS" and a pickup location within 100m of the specified roads.

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