



**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

**Request No:** AD-IG-01(2)-2016-91  
**Key Word:** Trade Union Association  
**Subject:** Senior Manager

**Request:**                   **Date Received:**                   12/08/2016  
                                  **Date of Monitoring:**               15/08/2016  
                                  **Date of Response:**               19/09/2016

Thank you for your request for information received on 12 August 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. The Trust would further apologise for the slight delay in the provision of the information and thank you for your patience with this.

**Question 1**

Could you please provide me with the total number of senior staff who hold posts or posts within ANY trade Union.

**Answer 1**

There are 5 senior staff who are employed as Ambulance Officers Band 7 or above, or Control Officers Band 6 or above, who hold posts within any of the 4 Trade Unions which are recognised by the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service HSC Trust (NIAS).

**Question 2**

I would like you to indicate the rank and the position held within any trade union please. By senior staff i mean any member of staff who holds the rank of Station officer or above and control officer AO2 or above.

**Answer 2**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Trade Union Office</b>	<b>No</b>
Control Officer Band 6	Shop Steward	2
Control Officer Band 7	Senior Steward	1
	Branch Secretary	1
Ambulance Officer Band 7	Shop Steward	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5</b>

**Question 3**

Have any of these staff registered a conflict of interest in relation to these posts

**Answer 3**

As stated above the Trust is in partnership with 4 recognised Trade Unions. At this time, no conflict of interests in relation to these posts are held by the Trust.



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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