



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request No: AD-IG-01(2)-2016-95

Key Word: Cost of Voluntary/Private Ambulances

Subject: St John Ambulance/ProParamedics

Request: **Date Received:** 15/08/2016
 Date of Monitoring: 16/08/2016
 Date of Response: 31/08/2016

Thank you for your request for information received 15 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 for your attention.

Question 1

On how much it has cost NIAS to use Saint John’s Ambulance & Pro Paramedics for the past number of years on 999 calls, GP calls and house calls.

Answer 1

NIAS uses a number of Voluntary & Private Ambulance Services to provide cover at peak times, this includes St Johns and ProParamedics

	St John	ProParamedics
2013/14	£18,771	
2014/15	£131,414	
2015/16	£174,074	£561,329
01/04/16 to 31/07/16	£22,752	£146,337

Note: Costs for the period 01/04/16 to 31/07/16 include estimates and therefore are subject to change.

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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