



**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

**Request No:** AD-IG-01(2)-2016-130  
**Key Word:** Callouts for Choking  
**Subject:** Callouts for Choking  
**Request:** **Date Received:** 13/10/2016  
**Date of Monitoring:** 14/10/2016  
**Date of Response:** 27/10/2016

Thank you for your request for information received on 27 October 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**

Could you please inform me of the number of call-outs that included the keyword **choking** on the following dates:

December 13, 2015/December 23, 2015/December 24, 2015/December 25, 2015  
 December 26, 2015/December 27, 2015

**Answer 1**

Please note, a call is taken to be a Choking call if it has a Chief Complaint of Choking, or if "What's the Problem" contains any of the following words and is relevant (i.e. a patient with a cut to their throat would not be included) Choking; Throat; Stuck; Lodged.

Date	Number of Emergency Responses where Choking is mentioned as Chief Complaint or in "What's the Problem"
13 December 2015	0
23 December 2015	2
24 December 2015	1
25 December 2015	1
26 December 2015	2
27 December 2015	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

I hope that the above 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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