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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request No: AD-IG-01(2)-2015-123
Key Word: Flags
Subject: Police Support
Request: **Date Received:** 28/10/2015
Monitoring Date: 29/10/2015
Date of Response: 25/11/2015

Thank you for your request for information received on 28 October 2015 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 tell me how many addresses in the ambulance service area have been 'red-flagged' or marked on the system as needing police support before ambulance crews or paramedics can enter in each year, 2015 (to date), 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011. If possible, please provide the information broken down by the local authority the address is in.

Answer 1

Please find attached FOI_123 which provides detail as requested on information markers on the system that state Police assistance may need to be considered. However, please be aware that this is only a marker and in no way means that a crew does not enter a property without Police presence – it is an information marker only. NIAS does use the terminology of “red flagged”. Information markers in no way state that a crew should not enter a property to attend to a patient without Police. For example marker would state – ***“If number 66 Main Street be aware that Mr A Smyth assaulted an ambulance crew at this location on 20 November 2015. Crews must proceed with caution according to their own risk assessment. Caution is advised and Police attendance may be necessary.”***

The majority of information markers relating to Police mainly indicate that Police attendance may be necessary or should be considered. There would be a small number of information markers on the system that state Police assistance is required and these are in cases whereby the Police or Mental Health Services Team have informed us of this requirement.

I hope the above and attached 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

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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CORPORATE MANAGER



AD/IG/01(2)/123-15 - INFORMATION MARKERS PLACED ON C3 DURING 2011-2015 CONSIDERING PSNI ATTENDANCE AT ADDRESSES

Please note: Information Markers on C3 are recorded against three different types of addresses; Properties, Streets and Features. Property markers are placed against individual addresses, such as 1, High Street, Anytown. Street markers are placed against a street as opposed to a specific address, such as High Street, Anytown. Feature markers are placed against parks, schools, leisure centres, etc.

Number of Information Markers placed on C3 during 2011-2015 that request PSNI attendance at certain addresses (Properties Perspective), by Postcode district and Local Government District/Supercouncil Area

Postcode District	Local Authority Area		Year					Total
	Local Government District (Before 1st April 2015)	Supercouncil Area (After 1st April 2015)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
BT5	BELFAST	Belfast		1		1		2
BT6	BELFAST	Belfast				1		1
	CASTLEREAGH	Belfast					2	2
BT7	BELFAST	Belfast	1		1			2
BT8	CASTLEREAGH	Lisburn and Castlereagh					1	1
BT9	BELFAST	Belfast				1		1
BT11	BELFAST	Belfast	1					1
BT12	BELFAST	Belfast			2	1	2	5
BT13	BELFAST	Belfast					1	1
BT14	BELFAST	Belfast					1	1
BT15	BELFAST	Belfast				1		1
BT16	CASTLEREAGH	Lisburn and Castlereagh					1	1
BT17	LISBURN	Lisburn and Castlereagh					1	1
BT18	NORTH DOWN	Ards and North Down		1				1

BT19	NORTH DOWN	Ards and North Down		1				1
BT20	NORTH DOWN	Ards and North Down			1	2		3
BT21	ARDS	Ards and North Down		1				1
BT22	ARDS	Ards and North Down		1				1
BT23	ARDS	Ards and North Down			1		1	2
BT24	DOWN	Newry, Mourne and Down				1		1
BT28	LISBURN	Lisburn and Castlereagh				1		1
BT30	DOWN	Newry, Mourne and Down				2	1	3
BT33	DOWN	Newry, Mourne and Down			1		1	2
BT34	NEWRY & MOURNE	Newry, Mourne and Down	1				2	3
BT35	NEWRY & MOURNE	Newry, Mourne and Down	2		1			3
BT36	NEWTOWNABBEY	Antrim and Newtownabbey					2	2
BT37	NEWTOWNABBEY	Antrim and Newtownabbey		1				1
BT38	CARRICKFERGUS	Mid and East Antrim			2	1		3
BT40	LARNE	Mid and East Antrim		1			3	4
BT41	ANTRIM	Antrim and Newtownabbey					1	1
BT42	BALLYMENA	Mid and East Antrim				3	3	6
BT43	BALLYMENA	Mid and East Antrim			1		1	2
BT44	BALLYMENA	Mid and East Antrim		1			1	2
	BALLYMONEY	Causeway Coast and Glens	1	1				2
	LARNE	Mid and East Antrim			1			1
BT47	DERRY	Derry and Strabane				1		1
	LIMAVADY	Causeway Coast and Glens					1	1
BT48	DERRY	Derry and Strabane					1	1
BT49	LIMAVADY	Causeway Coast and Glens					1	1
BT51	COLERAINE	Causeway Coast and Glens				1		1
BT52	COLERAINE	Causeway Coast and Glens				1		1
BT56	COLERAINE	Causeway Coast and Glens	1		1			2
BT65	CRAIGAVON	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon			2			2
BT67	LISBURN	Lisburn and Castlereagh	1			1		2
BT70	DUNGANNON	Mid Ulster				1		1
BT78	OMAGH	Fermanagh and Omagh					1	1
BT79	OMAGH	Fermanagh and Omagh					1	1
	STRABANE	Derry and Strabane				1		1
BT80	COOKSTOWN	Mid Ulster			1		1	2

BT92	FERMANAGH	Fermanagh and Omagh						1	1
Total			8	9	15	21	32	85	

Number of Information Markers placed on C3 during 2011-2015 that request PSNI attendance at certain addresses (Streets Perspective), by Postcode district and Local Government District/Supercouncil Area

Postcode District	Local Authority Area		Year					Total
	Local Government District (Before 1st April 2015)	Supercouncil Area (After 1st April 2015)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
BT15	BELFAST	Belfast				1		1
BT22	ARDS	Ards and North Down		1				1
BT34	NEWRY & MOURNE	Newry, Mourne and Down					1	1
Total				1		1	1	3

Number of Information Markers placed on C3 during 2011-2015 that request PSNI attendance at certain addresses (Features Perspective), by Postcode district and Local Government District/Supercouncil Area

Postcode District	Local Authority Area		Year					Total
	Local Government District (Before 1st April 2015)	Supercouncil Area (After 1st April 2015)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
BT7	BELFAST	Belfast		1				1
BT12	BELFAST	Belfast				1		1
BT26	LISBURN	Lisburn and Castlereagh				1		1
BT33	DOWN	Newry, Mourne and Down	1					1
BT52	COLERAINE	Causeway Coast and Glens					1	1
BT56	COLERAINE	Causeway Coast and Glens			1			1
Total			1	1	1	2	1	6

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