



24 December 2015

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

**Request No:** AD-IG-01(2)-2015-132

**Key Word:** Ambulance Accidents

**Subject:** Ambulance Accidents

**Request:** **Date Received:** 24/11/2015

**Date of Response:** 25/11/2015

Thank you for your request for information received on 24 November 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 and attached for your attention.

**Question 1**

How many ambulances in your trust have been involved in an accident/collision in each of the following calendar years: a) 2011, b) 2012, c) 2013, d) 2014 and e) 2015 so far?

**Answer 1**

Year	Totals
<b>2011</b>	71
<b>2012</b>	89
<b>2013</b>	111
<b>2014</b>	140
<b>2015*</b>	71
<b>Totals:</b>	482

*\* Figures as recorded on 26/11/2015*

Totals above relate to all accidents and collisions recorded by staff as untoward incidents, covering all levels of severity and may not have involved a third party.



## **Question 2**

For each year specified above, please:

- i) State the total number of injuries caused, provide a list of these injuries and state in each case whether the vehicle was on an emergency call at the time.

Information on the number of injuries caused is not held centrally by NIAS. Our insurers would deal with any third party injury claims – WHAT EXEMPTION IS APPLIED.

- ii) State the total number of fatalities caused, and state in each case the age/s of those killed, whether those killed were medics or members of public, and whether the vehicle was on an emergency call at the time.

One incident resulted in the death of a third party. EMG CALL.

## **Question 3**

How many vehicles undertaking an emergency medical call for your trust that are not ambulances have been involved in an accident/collision in each of the following calendar years: a) 2011, b) 2012, c) 2013, d) 2014 and e) 2015 so far?

Year	Totals
2011	5
2012	8
2013	1
2014	6
2015*	7
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>27</b>

\* Figures as recorded on 26/11/2015

Figures above related to NIAS rapid response cars.

## **Question 4**

For each year specified above, please:

- (i) State the total number of injuries caused, provide a list of these injuries, and state in each case whether the vehicle was on an emergency call at the time.

Information on the number of injuries caused is not held centrally by NIAS. Our insurers would deal with any third party injury claims – WHAT EXEMPTION IS APPLIED.

- (ii) State the total number of fatalities caused, and state in each case the age/s of those killed, whether those killed were medics or members of public, and whether the vehicle was on an emergency call at the time.

None

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](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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