



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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Thank you for your request for information received on 9 November 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

Has your organisation been a victim of a cyber-attack in the last two years? If yes, how many times?

Answer 1

The Trust, like other Health and Social Care organisations report cyber security incidents via Risk Management protocols ie Untoward Incident reports or serious adverse incidents. Since January 2015 no cyber-attacks have been reported. (Please note cyber-attacks have been taken to mean any unauthorised access to or deliberate disruption of a computer system or device owned or used by the Trust)

Question 2

Has your organisation been a victim of a ransomware attack in the last two years? If yes, how many times? In each case, was a ransom paid and if so how much was paid?

Answer 2

The Trust has not been victim of a ransomware attack in the last two years.

Question 3

For each of the cyber and ransomware attacks, please provide a summary of the incident. This should include details of who was targeted, how they were targeted, what the immediate impact was, for instance was patient or staff data targeted, and if so in what way and how many people's data was affected? For each of the attacks, please also detail whether the police became involved, and whether the perpetrator or perpetrators were caught?

Question 3

Not applicable.



I hope the above you 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
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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