



**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

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**Subject:** Pre-Hospital and Facility based Emergency Care Systems  
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Thank you for your request for information received on 28 June 2017 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 which is detailed below.

I am a researcher based at Public Health Wales in Wrexham. We are co-ordinating data collection for the World Health Organization on road safety in the UK and I have been working with DH, DfT, Department for Infrastructure NI, Welsh Government and others to complete a questionnaire around strategy, policy, legislation and data on road safety. Some of the questions relate to emergency care and I have been engaging with the DH to complete these. However we have a few outstanding questions relating to pre-hospital care and I am at a loss as to who to contact to find out this information. I was wondering if you could help or at least help me find a contact.

The WHO ask:

(by country the WHO means UK, but I appreciate you may only have information for NI)  
(by pre-hospital provider, the WHO mean paramedics/ambulance services)

**Question 1**

Q53. Has there ever been a standardised assessment of the pre-hospital and facility-based emergency care systems conducted at the national level in your country? (Note, this does not refer to a disaster response assessment but to assessment of the everyday pre-hospital and facility-based emergency care system; This refers to an assessment of the overall emergency care system (not only select facilities) using a standardised tool, such as the WHO Emergency Care System Assessment Tool (see <http://who.int/emergencycare/activities/en/>)

**Answer 1**

No

If yes, what tool was used?

- WHO Emergency Care Services Assessment (ECSA)
- Other (Please specify and provide a supporting document of this assessment):

**Not applicable**



## **Question 2**

53.1 When was this assessment conducted? \_\_\_\_\_ (Please attach report)

## **Answer 2**

Not applicable

## **Question 2(a)**

53.2 Did this process result in the development of a priority action plan for emergency care?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

## **Answer 2(a)**

Not applicable

## **Question 3**

Q54.1 What is the total number of formally certified pre-hospital providers in your country?

## **Answer 3**

This question is unclear. NIAS is the only pre-hospital ambulance service in Northern Ireland. Do you require the number of staff we have?

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](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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