

FOI 2919

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

How many NIAS ambulances are available in NI? Can you show the number available for each of the past five years?

Response:

This information is held by the NIAS. You can contact them at:

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In what circumstances do health trusts have to make use of private ambulances?

Response:

SHSCT utilise private ambulances to transfer patients between hospital sites, on discharge and to attend outpatient appointments.

Can the department/Trusts outline the number of private ambulances being used in Northern Ireland over the past five calendar years?

Response:

SHSCT currently use 4 private ambulances across both Acute Hospital sites.

Can you break that down to show the numbers used annually for each year?

Response:

Current usage – 1478 private ambulances annually

Furthermore, can you show much was spent on private ambulances for each year, showing the cost per Trust and the overall NI-wide cost?

Response:

The amount spent by Southern Health and Social Care Trust on private ambulance provision for the Financial Years (April – March) is as follows:

£431k	2020/21
£507k	2021/22
£610k	2022/23
£1,323k	2023/24
£932k	2024/25 to end of Jan 25 (Month 10)

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