



Northern Ireland Ambulance Service
Health and Social Care Trust



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➤ DEALING WITH FRAILTY IN NORTHERN IRELAND

45% of calls in Northern Ireland are for patients over 65 years of age.

Frailty has become a common pre-hospital presentation.

HOW DOES NIAS MANAGE THESE CALLS?

- **Appropriate Care Pathways** eg Falls, Palliative Care and Respiratory Pathways, supported by Acute Care at Home Teams and Direct Admission Units, are among alternatives provided to ED attendance
- **Education** of our staff on Frailty Assessment and Delirium
- **Engagement** with Nursing/Residential Homes
- **Innovation** including Paramedic/Occupational Therapist co-response

THE FUTURE

With an increasing demand on our Service due to an ageing population NIAS intends to;

- **Introduce the Rockwood Frailty Score**
- **Implement the Nursing/Residential Manchester Triage tool**
- **Work with Community Navigators** to help deal with social isolation

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