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Mr Aindrias Moynihan TD
Dáil Éireann
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Re: PQ 16418/19: “To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulance staff that have been suspended over the past year; the number on suspension; and the length of time each suspension has lasted.”

PQ 16419/19: “To ask the Minister for Health the length of time it took to investigate and conclude each ambulance staff suspension in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

PQ 16420/19: “To ask the Minister for Health the procedure in place to bring to conclusion ambulance staff suspensions; if there are agreed timelines for these procedures; if so, if they are being met; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Moynihan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

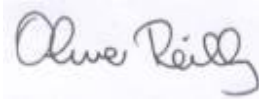
The National Ambulance Service cannot provide the Deputy with the numbers requested as to do so could potentially identify staff and the NAS under a duty of care and confidentiality could breach these conditions.

The NAS can confirm that the HSE Disciplinary Procedure is followed in dealing issues that arise and every effort is made to resolve difficulties at the lower levels of the procedure. Timelines are directed by individual cases and circumstances and allow for the proper investigation and procedures to be followed to ensure the relevant processes are followed.

I trust this information is of assistance to you and should you require further information please contact me



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Oliver Reilly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'O' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'y'.

Oliver Reilly
Asst Chief Ambulance Officer