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Mr Richard Boyd Barrett TD
Dáil Éireann
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Re: PQ 11904/19: “To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether driver fatigue is an issue in the NAS; the number of ambulance crews in 2018 that had to discontinue their shift due to fatigue; the number of incidents in which ambulance crews and or managers had to recover them and provide assistance to get them back to their station's base; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett,

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

The National Ambulance Service can confirm that the information requested is not recorded or available to answer the specifics of the Deputy's question.

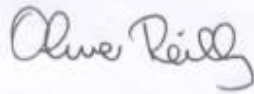
The National Ambulance Service can confirm that every effort is made to support staff wellbeing and where staff highlight difficulties, including fatigue, they are supported through services such as HSE Occupational Health, NAS Peer Support network and HSE Employee Assistance Programmes.

Staff Health & Wellbeing initiatives and programmes are ongoing in the NAS as part of Healthy Ireland including significant focus on staff health initiatives such as mental wellbeing, physical activity, health checks and improving the workplace environment.

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

Yours sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Oliver Reilly" in a cursive, slightly slanted script.

Oliver Reilly
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