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Ms Joan Collins TD  
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Leinster House  
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**Re: PQ 12124/19:** "To ask the Minister for Health his views in whether ICO staff should progress to paramedic training and compete for training with members of the public."

Dear Deputy Collins,

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 can confirm that ICS staff currently operate at the clinical level of Emergency Medical Technician and as such must meet the criteria set out in the requirements for Student Paramedic.

ICS staff must apply for the higher grade position and meet the requirements set out including the requirements relating to the academic element of the student paramedic programme.

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

Yours sincerely,

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