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Re: PQ 42874/20. To ask the Minister for Health the latest engagement with organisations (IARC and or NASRA) on Covid-related changes to work practices, the provision of additional paramedic posts and the nature of proposed changes to work practices; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 (NAS) as a unit of the HSE can only engage with unions that have been recognised in respect of a grade, group or category of its employees. Ambulance personnel are represented through agreed industrial relations processes and SIPTU is the recognised trade union for front-line staff. In addition to SIPTU, UNITE and FORSA are also recognised unions for NAS staff. While the NAS is committed to maintaining positive industrial relations with its entire staff, the Irish Ambulance Representative Council (IARC) and the National Ambulance Service Representative Association (NASRA) are not registered trade unions.

I trust this information is of assistance to you and should you require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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