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Mr. Johnny Mythen TD,
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5th January 2021.

Re: PQ 44516/20. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the fire responder scheme (which is a blue light scheme designed to use the fire service) as a secondary stand by in the case of an ambulance not being available in the case of an echo.

Dear Deputy Mythen,

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.

Fire services are currently managed and operated at a Local Authority level. Therefore, a decision is at an individual Local Authority level as to whether they wish to deploy their fire personnel who have the required qualifications. In addition, any remuneration for undertaking this role by suitably qualified retained fire personnel is also a matter for the relevant Local Authority.

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

Yours sincerely,

Pauline McDonagh - Senior Executive Officer.

