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Ms. Violet-Anne Wynne TD,
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24th November 2020.

Re: PQ 35344/20. To ask the Minister for Health the regularity with which deep cleans of ambulance bases are carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Wynne,

The National Ambulance Service (NAS) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response.

Contract cleaning companies are engaged to clean all NAS bases. If a staff member tests positive, then a deep clean is undertaken of their work location or locations. Regardless, all Paramedic Supervisors remind their team during updates about the importance of regularly cleaning contact points, surfaces etc. using the supplied wipes in the bases and as per HSE guidance. In addition, station audits are undertaken by NAS management.

NAS has had fifty-three (53) confirmed cases of COVID-19 by early November 2020, across all disciplines of staff and mainly contracted by community transmission, i.e. outside of work. These confirmed cases represent less than three percent (<3%) of total overall staff numbers.

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.

