



**Oifig an Stiúirthóra Náisiúnta, Acmhainní Daonna**

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PQ59294/21 To ask the Minister for Health if there is a funding mechanism for healthcare assistants currently employed by the HSE for emergency medical technician courses run by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Pearse Doherty Details Supplied: National Ambulance Service or any organisation

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question above which was sent to the HSE for reply. Health care Assistants (HCA) are employed in HSE facilities across Acute Hospitals, Maternity & Children's hospitals and Community Care settings. The National Ambulance Service does not employ Healthcare Assistants.

If a health care assistant wishes to pursue a course, including the Emergency Medical Technician Course referred to, they should apply for funding through their line manager.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marie O'Sullivan".

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**Marie O'Sullivan**  
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