



Oifig Stiúrthóir na Seirbhíse Náisiúnta Otharcharranna,
An tSeirbhís Náisiúnta Otharcharranna,
Áras na hAbhann,
Crosbhóthar Thamhlachta,
Tamlacht,
Baile Áth Cliath D24 XNP2
Fón 01 4631624/6.
Riomhphost: director.nas@hse.ie

Office of the Director of the National Ambulance Service,
National Ambulance Service,
Rivers Building,
Tallaght Cross,
Tallaght,
Dublin D24 XNP2
Telephone: 01 4631624/6.
Email: director.nas@hse.ie

Ref: MD/SD/PQ/210222

22nd February 2021

Deputy Aodhán Ó Ríordáin TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House

Re: **PQ6459/21**

To ask the Minister for Health the number of front-line ambulance workers from all services that have contracted Covid-19; and the number that are believed to have been contracted as part of their work. - Aodhán Ó Ríordáin

Dear Deputy Ó Ríordáin,

I refer the above representation to the HSE and my reply below refers.

The National Ambulance Service (NAS) can only comment on its frontline employees, we can confirm that the NAS has robust infection prevention control measures in place and this includes personal protective equipment for all frontline staff.

The NAS employs over 2000 staff and COVID-19 absences have remained low since March 2020 to date, there has been 154 COVID positive absences from March 2020 to 19 February 2021 and of the positive cases most of same were confirmed not to have occurred in the workplace, thus substantiating that the NAS infection prevention control and the use of personal protective equipment has worked effectively, which is also a credit to our frontline staff.

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

Yours Sincerely,

Martin Dunne, Director
National Ambulance Service

