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Deputy Cian O'Callaghan,
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PQ 57687/22: To ask the Minister for Health if he will reform the recruitment processes for the National Ambulance Service to give greater recognition to prior learning and or prior experience; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Cian O'Callaghan

PQ 57688/22: To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of appointments to the National Ambulance Service that are held by graduates of the BSc in paramedic studies from the University of Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Cian O'Callaghan

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

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

- The Recruitment process within the National Ambulance Service operates within the National Recruitment Services of the HSE and criteria is set for minimum entry grade in line with the Recruitment Licence.
- Graduates from Universities including UL who meet the criteria and are successful at the interview stage will be employed by the HSE.
- The National Ambulance Service does not seek information on where a candidate obtained their qualification, only that they hold PHECC registration.

I trust that this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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