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Deputy Holly Cairns TD
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PQ 2435/23

To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to address the shortages of ambulances in Cork south west. - Holly Cairns

PQ 2433/23

To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to improve recruitment to the National Ambulance Service. - Holly Cairns

Dear Deputy Cairns,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) 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 Health for response.

In response, I am sharing a briefing document which has been prepared for members of both the Public Accounts Committee and the Joint Committee on Health which I hope you find helpful. This briefing note sets out the context of current capacity challenges, the NAS Workforce Plan process and our intentions to increase capacity across the country over the coming years.

In relation to recruitment, NAS works very closely with the HSE's National Recruitment Service (NRS) whom are responsible for managing the recruitment process of all HSE employees working in NAS. In 2022, NRS ran a very successful campaign which resulted in 180 Student Paramedics commencing in 2022. A similar if not greater number is expected in 2023 with the most recent recruitment campaign gone live on the 16 January 2023.

I hope you find this information helpful

Yours sincerely

Robert Morton
Director
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