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To ask the Minister for Health the engagements or training missions abroad engaged in by the Irish National Ambulance Service in the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; the purpose of such delegations; the officials or Ministers who provided sanction to such; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Matt Carthy

Dear Deputy Carthy,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) National Ambulance Service (NAS) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for response.

Please see table below in response to your parliamentary question:

Year	Location	Purpose
2020	Copenhagen, Denmark	European EMS Leadership Network Meeting
2021	No travel abroad identified	
2022	Madrid, Spain	Major emergency training
	Bristol, UK	UK Navigator 2022
	Copenhagen, Denmark	Study visit to EMS Copenhagen
	Birmingham, UK	Emergency Services Show
	Birmingham, UK	Ambulance Leadership Forum Conference (ALF Awards)
	Glasgow, Scotland	EMS Europe Conference
	Antwerp, Belgium	Represent OHCAR at European Resuscitation Conference
	Bradford, UK	Inspection of emergency vehicle builds
	Fulda, Germany	RETTmobil International. Attend leading exhibition for emergency services vehicles and patient care equipment
	Sharjah, UAE	External Examiner/moderator – Higher Colleges of Technology (HCT). Under MoU with HCT ¹

¹ MoU between HSE & Health Services in the UAE did not incur any travel costs for the HSE.





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2023	Bristol, UK	Mandatory AMPDS V14 instructor workshop
	Bristol, UK	UK Clinical Focus Group 2023
	Manchester, UK	Community Paramedic Conference
	Tel Aviv, Israel	Study Trip to visit Magen David Adom (MDA). Review MDA operations – Volunteer Schemes, EMS Call-taking/dispatch, Mass Casualty Preparedness, EU Collaboration
	Slovenia	EENA Conference
	Bradford, UK	Inspect build of emergency ambulance – 3.5 tonne
	Birmingham, UK	Conference BAPCO
	Fulda, Germany	RETTmobil International. Attend leading exhibition for emergency services vehicles and patient care equipment
	Pakistan	Assist with development of Faculty for pre-hospital care in the University of Health Sciences, Lahore. Pakistan. ²
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Any engagements that requires foreign travel that are outside the EU, and where no standing MoU is already in place, are the subject of consultation and advice with and from the Department of Health and Department of Foreign Affairs to ensure consistency with Government policy.

All individual employees who were authorised to participate in any engagement or training missions abroad are approved based on an assessment of business need and benefits realisation and approved in line with the authorisation levels within the HSE's Business Travel Policy.

I hope this information is helpful.

Robert Morton
Director
National Ambulance Service

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