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Deputy Roisin Shortall TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

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Question: To ask the Minister for Health the steps his Department has taken to address the ambulance service provision issues identified in the 2016 Brady and Flaherty Review of Arrangements for the Provision of the Emergency Ambulance service in the Dublin Region; the progress to date on each of the 16 recommendations; the timeline he is working towards for implementation; if he intends to publish an implementation plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Róisín Shortall

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Question: To ask the Minister for Health the status of all 16 recommendations from the 2016 Review of Arrangements for the Provision of Emergency Ambulance Service in the Dublin region; the progress to date on each recommendation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Róisín Shortall

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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.

The Brady and Flaherty - *Review of Arrangements for the Provision of the Emergency Ambulance service in the Dublin Region* was co-commissioned by Dublin City Council (DCC) and the Health Service Executive (HSE) in response to a review by the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) in 2014.

The HSE understands that the subsequent report, which was finalised in 2016, was the subject of an industrial dispute within DCC resulting in the report not proceeding to publication or full implementation. In this context, the HSE can advise as follows:

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The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Minister for Health have agreed to establish a Task and Finish Group, the scope of work which includes:

- an agreed implementation plan for the location of emergency ambulance call-taking and dispatch;
- a Governance Framework for a service delivery model (organisational and clinical);
- an agreed recoupment mechanism whereby the HSE recoup appropriate costs to Dublin City Council for the operation of DFB's ambulance service; and
- the process to be time bound with regular reports on progress to both Ministers





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The implementation of the Brady and Flaherty - Review of Arrangements for the Provision of the Emergency Ambulance service in the Dublin Region has been impacted by an industrial dispute within DCC, however, the position on each recommendation is currently understood to be as follows:

Recommendation	Position
1	<i>Now the subject of Ministerial Task and Finish Group</i>
2	<i>Now the subject of Ministerial Task and Finish Group</i>
3	<i>Now the subject of Ministerial Task and Finish Group</i>
4	<i>Implemented</i>
5	<i>Now the subject of Ministerial Task and Finish Group</i>
6	<i>Not a matter for the HSE</i>
7	<i>Not a matter for the HSE</i>
8	<i>Implemented</i>
9	<i>Now the subject of Ministerial Task and Finish Group</i>
10	<i>Implemented within the HSE</i>
11	<i>Implemented within the HSE</i>
12	<i>NAS Workforce Plan being implemented subject to annual estimates process</i>
13	<i>Now the subject of Ministerial Task and Finish Group</i>
14	<i>Now the subject of Ministerial Task and Finish Group</i>
15	<i>Did not progress due to industrial dispute in DCC</i>
16	<i>Not applicable</i>

I hope you find this information helpful

Yours sincerely

Robert Morton
Director
National Ambulance Service

