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Deputy Roisin Shortall
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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To ask the Minister for Health if newly recruited qualified paramedics will undertake the same multiple-choice questions as part of their induction program commencing October 2023, as were previously used in the competency exam by the National Ambulance Service in the recruitment process at candidate selection stage prior to 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Róisín Shortall

Dear Deputy Shortall

All questions for all paramedic programmes are sourced from the same current question bank database and will be used for new paramedics and registered paramedics coming into the National Ambulance Service. Future qualified entry practitioner intakes will move to focus on continuous clinical assessments to assess competency and safety in managing patients.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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General Manager, Tertiary Education,
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