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Deputy David Cullinane
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Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ25/7560

**891. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paramedics who were paid the advanced paramedic allowance in 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; the number of intended recipients in 2025; and the number of new recipients in 2024 and 2025. — David Cullinane. [7560/25]*

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**892. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paramedics who qualify for the advanced paramedic allowance who are currently employed by the National Ambulance Service but who are not in receipt of the allowance; if there are paramedics qualified to receive the allowance but are not in receipt of the allowance, the reason why; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [7561/25]*

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 response.

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HSE employees who are registered as an Advanced Paramedic with PHECC and privileged to practice on behalf of the HSE, subject to the terms and conditions of the role, may receive an Advanced Paramedic allowance (€11,005 per annum – 1 October 2024 pay scales)

2023	302*
2024	374**
2025	417**

**estimate based on training profile*

***number confirmed for Internal Audit of payment of Advanced Paramedic allowance*

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The eligibility criteria for payment of Advanced Paramedic allowance is set out in HSE Circular 011/2009.

The remuneration, terms and conditions of employment of each grade are established by the Department of Health.

Section 22 (4) of the Health Act 2004:

The Executive, with the approval of the Minister given with the consent of the Minister for Finance, shall determine:





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(a) the terms and conditions of employment (including terms and conditions relating to remuneration and allowances) of employees appointed under this section, and

b) the grades of the employees of the Executive and the numbers of employees in each grade.

In this regard, the sanction of any new post on behalf of the Minister by the Department of Health supersedes any related HSE Circular unless specifically referenced within the sanction.

Any employee who accepts appointment to a role where qualification allowances are explicitly excluded by such sanction is fully aware in advance of accepting appointment that such allowances will not be paid.

I hope this information is helpful

Yours sincerely

Robert Morton
Director
National Ambulance Service

