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Deputy Robert Troy TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

PQ24/42191

To ask the Minister for Health the reason the National Ambulance Service (NAS) is denying the advanced paramedic payment to advanced paramedics who have been promoted to a management position, but are still fulfilling the role of advanced paramedic; if he is aware that this is contrary to ruling 19131 from the Labour Court (details supplied); and if he will ensure that the criteria outlined in this ruling are fully enforced by the HSE and the NAS

PQ24/45155

To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 311 of 17 October 2024, which was not answered sufficiently, if all National Ambulance Service staff, including those promoted to management positions are being paid fully in line with ruling 19131 of the Labour Court.

PQ24/45156

To ask the Minister for Health if there are categories of management within the National Ambulance Service that are currently receiving the advanced paramedic allowance; the particular roles which are receiving this allowance; and the number of members of management in the National Ambulance Service receiving the allowance.

PQ25/1122

To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify, further to Parliamentary Question No. 1260 of 5 November 2024, if the response provided is an interpretation of the criteria by the National Ambulance Service (details supplied):

The LCR HSE circular is quite clear in stating "Criteria for allowance with effect from 1st January 2009, the advanced paramedic allowance will be paid to ambulance personnel who meet the eligibility/qualifying criteria under section 3.1 of the Expert Nominees Report namely: Have achieved the advanced paramedic level and are registered as such with the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC) and. Have been signed off by the Professor of General Practice or appropriate academic institution and entered onto the PHECC advanced paramedic division of the register. Continue to practice advance paramedic skills in the HSE ambulance service. This response would seem to contrary to the above circular.

PQ25/1123

To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1260 of 5 November 2024, if he will further examine the request for information (details supplied); and if he will refer this request to the Data Protection Commissioner for determination.





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Additional information: the information requested would not release the personal information of any HSE employee. The request is simply seeking to clarify if there are employees, currently in management positions who are currently in receipt of the relevant allowance.

Dear Deputy Troy,

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 PQ25/1122 and PQ25/1123 above, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

These Parliamentary Questions are interrelated to PQ24/42191, PQ24/45155 and PQ24/45156 (set out above for convenience).

In addition to previous responses to those Parliamentary Questions the HSE advises that where any employee is dissatisfied with their terms and conditions of employment, then HSE HR procedures provide for such matters to be raised.

I hope you find this information helpful

Yours sincerely

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National Ambulance Service

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