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To ask the Minister for Health if she will engage with the HSE and the National Ambulance Service on the withdrawal of ambulance vehicles from advance paramedics-educational officers and resource managers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. - Grace Boland

Dear Deputy Boland,

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 Health for response.

NAS Managers have access to vehicles for business purposes during working hours. NAS Managers are not on call outside of their core working hours, however, some clinically qualified managers across the country have consistently and regularly responded on a goodwill basis outside of their normal working hours to calls within their communities.

In February 2025, a potential benefit-in-kind liability was identified by the HSE for those Managers using the NAS response vehicles when travelling from home to work. NAS took the prudent step of informing relevant employees of a potential benefit-in-kind liability that may exist in 2025.

The Deputy will appreciate that the HSE must comply with Revenue Commissioner regulations, like everybody else, in relation to what may be considered a potential personal use of a publicly owned vehicle. The HSE also submitted a Technical Question to the Revenue Commissioners seeking an opinion on the matter.

In the interim period, NAS put in place arrangements to ensure that with effect from the 24 February 2025, clinically qualified managers continued to have access to such vehicles by applying to join an NAS Manager Off Duty Responder Scheme.

The HSE has now received an opinion from the Revenue Commissioners which will enable NAS to finalise an appropriate Policy and Procedures to govern the Authorised Use of Non-Patient Carrying Emergency Vehicles by Managers (NPCEVM). This is to ensure that those specialist vehicles identified as NPCEVM are operated and managed efficiently and effectively, consistent with legislation and HSE regulations.

Yours sincerely

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