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155. To ask the Minister for Health if she has ensured a permanent solution to the helicopter emergency medical services crewing model safety concerns raised by paramedics who resigned from the service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [52534/25]

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 Question which you submitted to the Minister for response.

The HSE has not received any resignations from any Specialist Paramedic assigned to the Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS)

The draft HEMS Physician Feasibility Study has been considered by our most recent Quality and Safety Committee meeting. It has also been considered by our Executive Team who have accepted the short-term recommendations in principle, noting the resource implications will require an estimates submission for consideration by the HSE

NAS are now considering a broader range of issues including the role of both our HEMS and Critical Care and Retrieval Service.

These matters will now be part of a broader review of HEMS crewing arrangements, to be undertaken by the National Office of the Trauma Strategy for Ireland, with a view to informing the overall future of crewing arrangements as they pertain to trauma patients.

I hope this information is helpful

Yours sincerely

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