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Deputy Roisin Shortall TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

To ask the Minister for Health the impact of the HSE recruitment freeze on the National Ambulance Service; when candidates on the recruitment panel can expect further engagement or offers; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Róisín Shortall

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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 Health for response.

NAS has an agreed schedule of recruitment campaigns with the National Recruitment Service (NRS). NRS are working with the NAS to advertise priority campaigns to ensure that NAS has active recruitment panels in place.

NRS are progressing applicants through the normal stages of the recruitment process for current recruitment campaigns. Any candidate who is successful in the competition and secures a place on these panels will receive notifications from National Recruitment Service (NRS) about expressions of interest, subject to their place on any panel, as and when funded positions become available.

The HSE' National Service Plan 2024 does not make any provision for new service development posts this year, hence, any expressions of interest that may emerge will relate to replacement posts only. As the HSE' Pay and Numbers Strategy for 2024 is awaited, this situation remains under review.

I hope this information is helpful.

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Yours sincerely

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