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Deputy Pa Daly Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

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## PQ 25049/24

To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider opening an intake of paramedics into the National Ambulance matter. -Pa Daly

# Dear Deputy Daly,

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.

NAS has an agreed schedule of recruitment campaigns with the National Recruitment Service (NRS). NRS advise that they have concluded the advertising campaigns for the recruitment of qualified paramedics and student paramedics. The next intake of student paramedics is scheduled to take place in September 2024 and candidates who are part of the September 2024 intake will have already been contacted.

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 in respect of further intakes.

I hope this information is helpful.

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Yours sincerely

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