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**NATIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION**

*Comhlachas Ionadaíoch Seirbhís Otharcharr Náisúnta*

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Dear Mr. Merriman,

I have been contacted today by my colleagues, students of class seven, that it is the intention of the National Ambulance Service that no new contracts will be re-issued due to the recent moratorium on recruitment. If this development is bone fide can you please clarify the Ambulance Service position regarding,

1. The status of these students on the expiry date of their current contract, due to expire on the 14th of August 2011.
2. The now apparent acquiesce of the Department of Health to assent to the recruitment of some 450 new recruits.
3. The future development of the intermediary care system in the absence of new recruits.
4. The effectiveness of the AMPDS system in the absence of an intermediary care system.
5. The impending conclusion of the regional control room reconfiguration.
6. The conclusion to the development of the National Control room in Tallaght and Ballyshannon.
7. The commitment of the National Ambulance Service to the hospitals reconfiguration programme.

Due to the obvious affect on the delivery of care to the public, following consideration of a moratorium, can you confirm if the Ambulance Service or the Department of Health intend to make a public or private statement on this issue.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Gregg.  
National Secretary