

Hello my name is Des O'Halloran; I am a PHECC registered EMT and I wish to put myself forward to you for election onto the PHECC Medical Advisory Committee (MAC).

I am 40 years of age in May this year and I am living in Youghal, Co. Cork with my wife Joanne and 2 children Alicia and Nathan.

With the opportunity for EMT's to now elect 2 of their peers to MAC, I am putting myself forward as a potential candidate for election. I previously worked in the Pfizer Pharmaceuticals Drug product Plant for over 13 years and when it was announced that the plant was closing I took some time to reflect where I was in life, what I had achieved and what direction I would like my life and career to take.

I decided to follow a lifelong career ambition to work in the National Ambulance service and went about obtaining the required qualifications. I initially obtained my C & D driving qualifications to allow me to sit any upcoming entry exams, and then I proceeded to obtain my EMT qualification.

I have been registered as an EMT since June 2011, and took part in the first national campaign for the NAS Intermediate Care Operatives (ICO's). I obtained a national panel placement of 25 and was offered employment with the NAS in the first class of ICO's to be employed in the country. I am currently working as an ICO in the NAS South area, and I am getting extensive knowledge of the working and needs / requirements for Pre-Hospital Emergency Care staff.

I also voluntarily work with the Civil Defence in the Blackwater Area Unit in Aglish, Co. Waterford, where I am an active member, and I am an instructor for Casualty training.

I have a great interest in teaching First Aid and I am a qualified and registered instructor with PHECC as a Cardiac First Responder (Community) instructor and with OFAAA as an Occupational First Aid (OFA) instructor. I feel that the next step for me and the natural route of progression would be to give and share my experience in the field of Pre-Hospital Emergency Care in an advisory capacity, such as working on the MAC.

It is my intention, should I get elected to the MAC to give a committed and clear yet impartial input and contribution to all workings of the MAC and offer feedback given to me from my peer EMT's who wish to have their voices heard on clinical matters in the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care environment, whilst drawing on my experience from

- Over 13 years experience gained from working in the highly regulated pharmaceutical industry, where attention to detail is paramount, and continuous improvement is an ongoing and integral part of operations,
- The experience I have gained with working full-time with the CPG's and fellow professionals in the National Ambulance Service,
- The experience I have gained with working on a voluntary basis with a variety of people of differing clinical skills, interests and backgrounds,
- The feedback I have gained as a CFR and OFA instructor from classes I have given to both the public and to organisations and companies.

Thank you for taking the time in reading this biographical introduction to me, and I would appreciate it greatly if you would consider giving your vote to me.

Yours Sincerely, Des O'Halloran.

