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# SECRET TAPE REVEALS HOW AMBULANCE SERVICE LIED TO HEALTH

**EXCLUSIVE:** Execs recorded admitting hiding 'zombie jobs' from department and manipulating staffing figures

**BOSSSES** at the National Ambulance Service (NAS) lied to the Government for years about the existence of 'zombie jobs', a secretly recorded meeting reveals.

The revelation comes amid continuing concerns about governance standards at the controversy-plagued ambulance service and the fatal consequences of lengthy

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waiting times during emergency call-outs. The deception about posts that should no longer exist is one of a number of shocking governance breaches candidly discussed by senior NAS managers on the tape.

During the recording, provided to the

Irish Mail on Sunday by a whistleblower, executives discuss:

- Manipulating recruitment processes to ensure favoured colleagues get promoted;

- Providing staffing figures they know to be inaccurate to the Department of Health,

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