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Mr Stephen Donnelly TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
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**Re: PQ 33823/19:** "To ask the Minister for Health the status of the development of ambulance bypass protocols."

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The National Ambulance Service can confirm that there are a number of hospital by-pass protocols across the country in relation to trauma, orthopaedic, stroke and STEMI type cardiac patients. Other by-pass protocols have been introduced in relation to some acute hospitals being redesignated and where the emergency department has been re classified as a local/minor injury unit.

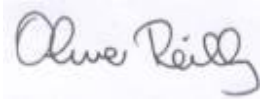
The NAS are currently transporting STEMI type cardiac patients and stroke patients (who meet specific clinical and time criteria) directly to specialist centres for specific rapid treatment.

Ambulance bypass protocols have been developed in conjunction with the HSE Clinical Care Programmes (Stroke, Acute Coronary Syndrome and Emergency Medicine) and the various Acute Hospital Groups.

I trust this information is of assistance to you and should you require further information please contact me



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Oliver Reilly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a light blue background behind it.

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