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PQ 9924/21(Health):

To ask the Minister for Health the findings of a health and safety audit carried out by the National Ambulance Service at its Carlow base; the work carried out at the base relative to the report; if an independent review will be undertaken of the base and the ongoing complaints being made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - John McGuinness

Dear Deputy McGuinness,

I refer the above representation to the Health Service Executive (HSE) and my reply below refers.

The National Ambulance Service (NAS) 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.

HSE Estates have overseen the completion of remedial works to the value of approximately €50,000 at Carlow ambulance base to address requirements to make the base fit for purpose. The National Ambulance Service can confirm that following a safety audit, conducted by the area Quality, Risk and Safety Manager, in October 2020, the facilities at Carlow ambulance base meet all current requirements.

The National Ambulance Service operates a comprehensive safety management system across all of its premises and continues to work collaboratively with staff and HSE Estates to ensure that any concerns or issues that occur are dealt with as quickly as possible. This office can confirm that there are no current complaints brought to our attention in relation to Carlow base.

The Health and Safety Authority (HSA) is the statutory authority to monitor compliance with legislation at the workplace and can take enforcement action (up to and including prosecutions). The HSA is the national centre for information and advice to employers, employees and self-employed on all aspects of workplace health and safety and would be the independent authority to conduct an independent review, however to date the HSA has not made contact to conduct an independent inspection of the Carlow Base.

I trust this information is of assistance to you and should you require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Sharon Dunne, Executive Assistant
on behalf of Martin Dunne
Director National Ambulance Service

