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Mr. Mark Ward TD,
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30th June 2021.

Re: PQ 24042/21. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of purchasing nine ambulances including staff consisting of a driver and psychiatric nurse to provide a crisis de-escalating team in each CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ward,

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 wishes to apologise for the delay in responding to your Parliamentary Question which can be accounted for by the recent cyber-attack on the Health Service Executive.

In response, the estimated cost of purchasing and equipping nine Emergency Ambulances (including overheads such as fuel and maintenance) operating 24 hours/365 days for year one is €2,205,000. The staff costing for a Paramedic operating on a 24 hours, seven days a week basis, for the nine CHOs is €2,218,806.

The cost for a Registered Psychiatric Nurse also operating on a 24 hours, seven days a week basis, for the nine CHOs is estimated at €2,420,086.

Therefore, the estimated total cost for the nine CHOs is €6,843,892.

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

Yours sincerely,

Pauline McDonagh,
Senior Executive Officer.

