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Deputy Gary Gannon TD
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To ask the Minister for Health if there is a plan to address the underfunding by the HSE of Dublin Fire Brigade to operate ambulances and the need for additional ambulances in the capital. - Gary Gannon

Dear Deputy Gannon,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) 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.

The NAS is the statutory provider of Pre-Hospital Emergency Care and intermediate care provider in the state. In the Dublin metropolitan Pre-Hospital Emergency Care is provided by both the NAS and Dublin City Council (DCC) Dublin Fire Brigade (DFB) by arrangement of a funding agreement with the Health Service Executive (HSE). The HSE is making a financial contribution to DCC/DFB towards the costs of delivering Pre-Hospital Emergency Care in Dublin City and county.

Services are currently delivered by DCC under the auspices of Section 25 of the Fire Act, 1980. DCC delivers such services in compliance with the relevant PHECC Clinical and Dispatch Standards, with service performance (response times) benchmarked and reported against national Key Performance Indicators monthly.

It is important to state that the NAS recognises and greatly values the work of DFB in the delivery of Ambulance Services within the Dublin Area, alongside the NAS. These arrangements between the HSE and DCC are based on the recommendations contained within the 1993 review of Ambulance Services in Ireland.

The HSE/NAS have been engaged in discussions with DCC/DFB for some time with regard to a cooperation agreement between the organisations for the provision of Ambulance Services in Dublin City. The HSE continue to engage with Dublin City Council with regard to both funding and service delivery.





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I trust that this information is of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely,

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