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Deputy Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, TD,
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PQ 43536/21 * To ask the Minister for Health when County Carlow will have an ambulance base which is fit for purpose; his views on whether it is acceptable for a town the size of Carlow to not have its own ambulance base and no communication from the HSE in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Jennifer Murnane O'Connor

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor,

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 current ambulance base is situated at St. Dymphna's hospital on the Athy road, Carlow. Remedial works to the value of approx. €50,000 from minor capital were carried out at Carlow ambulance base and addressed work requirements to make the ambulance base fit for purpose. The works included an upgrade of staff welfare facilities, full roof repairs, a list of maintenance type works to doors, walls and floor covering, with full certification of Electrical and Fire Safety systems.

The National Ambulance Service are currently working with HSE Estates in planning a future replacement for the current facility, a green field site has been identified and is under consideration. It is expected that a capital submission for this project will be prepared in early 2022. Capital funding will follow in accordance with the overall prioritisation plan.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Curran
National Director,
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