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To ask the Minister for Health the outcome of the recent inspection carried out by the Health and Safety Authority of the National Ambulance Service base in County Carlow; the remedial works required arising from the inspection and the associated costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - John McGuinness

Dear Deputy McGuinness,

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 Health and Safety Authority (HSA) inspected Carlow Ambulance Station on the 27 September 2021. The focus of the inspection was to review compliance with COVID19 infection, prevention and control measures as well as occupational, safety and health management.

The HSE was notified of 28 issues requiring remediation and at this stage, 18 actions are complete while 10 remain in progress. Of the remaining 10 actions, 6 require some degree of minor capital expenditure. HSE Capital and Estates are working to source contractors to complete these outstanding works, most of which are very minor such as levelling tarmacadam. Once contractors are identified, likely costs will be known.

I hope the information provided is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Robert Month

Robert Morton Director National Ambulance Service