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Deputy Sean Canney,
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PQ40532 - *To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has plans to establish a second ambulance at Tuam Ambulance Base on a 24-hour, seven-day per week basis to meet the increased demand for ambulance services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Seán Canney*

Dear Deputy Canney,

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 response.

The HSE National Ambulance Service have no short term plan for a second ambulance in Tuam at present. Tuam currently has a day and night crew Monday through Sunday.

In order to minimise pressures on ambulance services, we urge the public to alternative care options such as Minor Injury Units, GPs and Pharmacists if the situation is not a life threatening or emergency situation

Every day, the National Ambulance Service deploys approximately 160-180 emergency ambulances, an average of 22 rapid response vehicles and in excess of 50 officer response vehicles operating from over 100 locations around the country.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

William Merriman
Deputy Director, National Ambulance Service