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Deputy David Cullinane TD  
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Leinster House  
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**PQ29888/22**

To ask the Minister for Health the level of funding allocated to pathfinder and other National Ambulance Service reform programmes in 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; the amount spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 for response.

In recent years, the NAS has commenced the implementation of a programme of significant reform and in line with Sláintecare and the NAS Strategic Plan; the NAS is evolving from an emergency medical service to a mobile medical service of the highest quality. This is a model which aims to treat patients at the lowest appropriate level of acuity, resulting in a better experience for the patient and a more efficient use of resources.

Funding provided in 2020, enabled the expansion of alternative care pathways aligned with NAS strategic reform and in 2021, funding of €5m allocated to NAS enhanced community initiatives provided an opportunity to embed these pathways, with a view to hospital ED avoidance (where appropriate) and improving patient experiences over the longer term.

The table below sets out the NSP for 2020, 2021 and 2022 as requested.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Vincent Cronly  
General Manager  
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Year		WTEs	Funding Approved €0.00m	Funding Allocation €0.00m
2020	<b>Progress implementation of 'A Trauma System for Ireland' – introduce trauma and orthopaedic bypass protocols for south east geographical area</b>	8	0.60	1.60
	<b>Progress implementation of NAS Baseline and Capacity Review and support ongoing implementation of NAS Strategic Plan</b>	15	1.00	
2021	<b>Continued implementation of NAS Strategic Plan</b>	69	5.00	10.00
	Introduction of trauma and orthopaedic bypass protocols from Cavan General Hospital			
	Strengthen NAS Clinical Governance			
	Progress Implementation of NAS Baseline and Capacity Review			
	Strengthen NAS Operational Governance Arrangements			
	Progress the development of the NAS Critical Care and Retrieval Service			
	<b>Enhanced Community Initiatives</b>	52	5.00	
	Clinical Hub			
	Community Paramedicine			
	ED avoidance service model to the Cork Area			
	Progress Implementation of NAS Baseline and Capacity Review			
	NAS Portfolio Management			
2022	<b>Accelerate implementation of NAS Strategic Plan 2021-2026</b>	129	8.23	10.36
	Address 24/7 Tactical and Operational Management deficits within NAS			
	Continue the development of Hear and Treat - reorientation of healthcare away from a 'hospital centric' model			
	Address Core Governance, Leadership and Structural Design. Commence the transition to an improved organisational and geographical model			





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Progress Implementation of Baseline and Capacity Review – Continue to address Capacity deficit			
<b>Implementation of Alternative Care Pathways - Pathfinder</b>	128	5.70	5.70
Pathfinder Model 4 Hospitals - (Tallaght, Waterford, Cork, Limerick and Galway)			
Pathfinder Model 3 Hospitals - (Letterkenny, Kilkenny and Kerry)			

