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RE: PQ 33698/22

To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to the HSE National Ambulance Service being permitted to transport patients by ambulance to Injury Units at St. John's, Nenagh and Ennis if their injuries can be treated at such facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

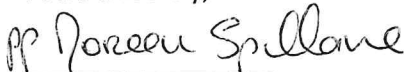
Dear Deputy McNamara,

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.

Due to bypass protocols in place, it is not possible for the National Ambulance Service (NAS) to transport patients to hospitals without an Emergency Department. Injury Units treat minor injuries and not medical, trauma and surgical cases that would require NAS transport to an ED. Therefore, it is not appropriate to transport patients to Injury Units when requiring emergency care.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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