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PQ27751/22 To ask the Minister for Health Further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1849, 1850 and 1851 of 26 April 2022, if his Department made contact with the clinical leadership in the acute coronary syndrome programme to examine the proportion of cardiac stemi transfers and the possible implications to health outcomes given these delays (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Matt Shanahan

PQ27750/22 To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1849, 1850 and 1851 of 26 April 2022, if his Department requested the HSE to comment on the way that these transfers (details supplied) align with clinical treatment protocols; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Matt Shanahan

PQ27754/22 To ask the Minister for Health Further to Parliamentary Question No. 1849, 1850 and 1851 of 26 April 2022, the present status of the Herity Report that was compiled in 2016 advising that a transfer window of 90 minutes was possible between hospitals in Cork and Waterford given the transfer time referred to in the response; if this standard has been dispensed with as having relevance to the treatment of stemi heart attack for patients in the south east when the Waterford Cath laboratory suite is closed given the new evidence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Matt Shanahan

PQ27757/22 To ask the Minister for Health Further to Parliamentary Question No. 1849, 1850 and 1851 of 26 April 2022, if he will publish the communications between his Department and the clinical leads in the acute coronary syndrome programme that make reference to the elongated transfer times being experienced by University Hospital Waterford for stemi heart attack patient transfers; if the preferred latest transfer protocol timelines of an organisation (details supplied) will be published with reference to European and United States transfer standards also; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Matt Shanahan

PQ27752/22 To ask the Minister for Health Further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1849, 1850 and 1851 of 26 April 2022, if his Department made contact with the clinical leadership in the acute coronary syndrome programme to examine the proportion of cardiac stemi transfers and the possible implications to health outcomes given these delays (details supplied); if his Department considered the potential of State risk to medical injury claims through the courts as a result of not providing full-time service access at University Hospital Waterford which could significantly reduce the transfer times and by extension reduce the times to receipt of optimal PCI treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Matt Shanahan

Details supplied; HSE reply Ref; 220505. Blue light transfer times from south east hospitals which showed average transfer times elapsed between south east hospitals and receiving hospitals in Dublin and Cork was From Kilkenny 2hrs 25 minutes, Wexford 3 hrs and 6 minutes and Waterford 3 hrs and 14 minutes





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Dear Deputy Shanahan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) National Ambulance Service (NAS) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above parliamentary questions which you submitted to the Minister for response.

The Acute Coronary Syndrome programme has been subsumed into the National Heart Programme (NHP), NAS are not aware of any such correspondence in relation to this matter between the Minister and the NHP.

We must stress to you that Protocol 37 call requests received by NAS do not all relate to coronary patients, they are for a range of clinical matters such as neurology or transfer to avail of specialist equipment.

The NAS would welcome further engagement with you, in order to explain and help you understand the data that we collate and have provided to you in other parliamentary questions. If you would like to arrange this please contact us on the numbers or email address above.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

William Merriman
Deputy Director
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