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PQ 54669/22* To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding allocated to the National Ambulance Service for capital projects; if the base in Carlow is to be upgraded; and if a new site for the Carlow base is to be progressed as part of the capital programme. -John McGuinness

Dear Deputy McGuinness,

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.

The final draft Capital Plan for 2023 is presently with the Minister for Health for approval. Subject to the approval of the Minister, there is an allocation of €5.54m provided for investment in the provision of new or modernised ambulance bases for the National Ambulance Service (NAS).

I can confirm that a building assessment report was recently undertaken on the existing ambulance base, located on the grounds of St. Dymphna's Hospital, Carlow. Following a review of this report, design team services were procured and tender documents are currently being prepared for the identified improvement works. Following a tender process, these planned improvement works are expected to commence in Quarter 1, 2023.

In conjunction with the NAS, Capital and Estates are also seeking to initiate a new ambulance base in Carlow for the longer term. A site within the Kelvin Grove campus in Carlow has been identified and provisionally assigned to the NAS for a new base, subject to the relevant capital approvals and availability of funding.

Yours sincerely,

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