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**1849/23**

**To ask the Minister for Health if ambulances are permitted to bring patients to the accident and emergency or minor injuries unit at Roscommon Hospital; the circumstances in which this is permitted; the number of times that this occurred in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Matt Carthy**

**1850/23**

**To ask the Minister for Health if ambulances are permitted to bring patients to the accident and emergency or the minor injuries unit at Monaghan Hospital; the circumstances in which this is permitted; the number of times that this occurred in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Matt Carthy**

**1855/23**

**To ask the Minister for Health if ambulances are permitted to bring patients to the accident and emergency or minor injuries unit at Dundalk Hospital; the circumstances in which this is permitted; the number of times that this occurred in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Matt Carthy**

**1856/23**

**To ask the Minister for Health if ambulances are permitted to bring patients to the accident and emergency or minor injuries unit at Ballinasloe Hospital; the circumstances in which this is permitted; the number of times that this occurred in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Matt Carthy**

Dear Deputy Carthy,

The 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.

**PQ 1849/1850/1855:**

The hospitals in Roscommon, Monaghan and Dundalk do not have an Emergency Department, so 112/999 patients are not transported to these locations. Additionally, ambulances do not transport 112/999 patients to Local Injury Units anywhere in Ireland currently. We have recently begun to transport some 112/999 patients to Medical Assessment Units under agreed clinical criteria and with a direct referral from the treating Paramedic and the receiving MAU physician. This commenced for Roscommon University Hospital on January 16th.

**PQ 1856/23**

Ambulances are permitted to bring patients to Portiuncula Hospital Ballinasloe. This hospital receives Adult and Paediatric patients into its Emergency Department, and it also receives Obstetric patients. The amount of times that an ambulance brought a patient to the receiving Emergency Department in 2022 was 6,632.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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