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Deputy Sean Sherlock TD  
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**PQ 3808/23**

**To ask the Minister for Health the status of the project for paramedics to treat patients in Mallow General Hospital; the number participating in the project to date; and the funding allocated to the pilot project – Sean Sherlock TD**

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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 to the Minister for Health for response.

The South South West Hospital Group (SSWHG) and the National Ambulance Service (NAS) jointly implemented a referral pathway, for clinically appropriate patients, to the Medical Assessment Unit (MAU) in Mallow on a pilot basis.

The outcome of the initial pilot, which was conducted over a three-month period, demonstrated the safety of this pathway model for patients. Hence, this model is expected to continue into the future.

I hope this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

Robert Morton  
National Director  
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