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RE PQ 28627/24

Question

To ask the Minister for Health if the new contract model for private ambulance providers is awarded on a sole provider basis; if so, if these contracts contain a requirement for a minimum number of vehicles; and the checks in place to ensure ambulance cover in the event that the company which has been awarded the contract runs out of ambulance availability.

Response

Deputy Tully,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) 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 contracts awarded to date, under the new contract model for the provision of private ambulance services for inter hospital transfers, for individual hospitals have been awarded on a sole provider basis. However, the contracts awarded for the National Ambulance Service (NAS), under the new contract model for the provision of private ambulance services for inter hospital transfers, were awarded as multi-provider contracts.

In both forms of contract, a minimum number of vehicles were specified. In the case of the sole provider contracts, the provider is obliged to subcontract resources from other registered providers to meet the client hospitals' requirements if demand exceeds the contracted providers own capacity.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the National Director of Procurement on (01) 635 2688 or via ellen.robinson@hse.ie.

Yours sincerely,


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