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Deputy Alan Dillon, TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
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**PQ 12390/24**

**To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken by his Department and the HSE to recognise pre-hospital emergency medicine as a sub-specialty in Ireland, given its recognition and effectiveness in the UK NHS and other EU member states; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

Dear Deputy Dillon,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the Emergency Medicine Programme (EMP) on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

The Emergency Medicine Programme (EMP) is not aware of any current plans on the part of the Irish Committee for Emergency Medicine Training or any other relevant specialty to begin the process of applying to the Medical Council for formal recognition of Prehospital Emergency Medicine (PHEM) as a specialty.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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**Anne Horgan**  
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