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Deputy Alan Dillion
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Dublin 2.

PQ 12392/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the measures that are being considered by his Department and the HSE to expand the scope of practice in the National Ambulance Service, to include treatments necessary to save lives at the scene of an emergency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon.

PQ 12393/24 - To ask the Minister for Health what plans are in place to provide training for critical care trauma interventions in the National Ambulance Service, given their proven effectiveness in the UK's HEMS; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 12394/24 - To ask the Minister for Health if his Department and the HSE will consider leveraging the evidence and experience of the group of Irish pre-hospital personnel working in the UK to improve pre-hospital care in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon.

Dear Deputy Dillion

The Health Service Executive (HSE) 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.

The Pre Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC) <https://www.phecit.ie/> is the statutory regulator of pre hospital emergency care in Ireland. In this regard, Training and Education Standards, as well as Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) which determine practitioner scope of practice, are approved by PHECC.

NAS, as a CPG approved provider, is required to implement PHECC approved CPGs which are developed and recommended for approval by PHECC by a Medical Advisory Committee https://www.phecit.ie/PHECC/What_we_do/Committees/Medical_Advisory_Group/Medical_Advisory_Group.aspx following detailed analysis and consideration of the available evidence.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours Sincerely

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