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Deputy James O'Connor TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy,

**PQ 19881/24**  
**To ask the Minister for Health to outline his Department's considerations for a new ambulance base in Youghal, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - James O'Connor**

The Health Service Executive (HSE) National Ambulance Service (NAS) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation which you submitted for response.

The National Ambulance Service in conjunction with HSE Capital & Estates published an Estates Strategic Plan 2016 – 2020 in 2016, in which all Ambulance Facilities were assessed for adequacy, refurbishment and/or replacement to meet the needs of the Service. Within that plan, the NAS Station Infrastructural Development Plan listed Youghal Ambulance Base as number 79 in order of priority and indicated that the base be maintained with ongoing minor capital investment. NAS have recently established a Capital & Estates Office, under the Directorate of Planning and Infrastructure, and that Office is in the process of updating the NAS Estates Strategy in consultation with HSE Capital & Estates which will reconsider the priorities of all station requirements in the context of available Capital Investment.

With the recent move to Regional Health Structures the development of Youghal Ambulance Station will be viewed in the context of ongoing service development and emerging needs for the HSE Southwest Health Region. HSE Capital & Estates have currently engaged Design Teams and are progressing a new Ambulance Base in Mallow, a Base, Regional Headquarters and Education Facility at St.Finbarr's Hospital in Cork City, both of which are currently at statutory approval stage.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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**Director of Planning and Infrastructure**  
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