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Deputy David Cullinane TD  
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**PQ25/7559**

*\*890. To ask the Minister for Health the funding and staff allocated to National Ambulance Service emerging threat units; the number of units which were recommended to be established; the number in place; the plans for expanding these teams in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [7559/25]*

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 HSE' National Service Plan 2023 provided for 200 WTE (Primary Notifications) to establish an Emerging Threat Team in NAS with a view to providing a national capability to respond to support the HSE' Public Health response, if required in the future.

While 84 WTE were in post as of May 2023, recruitment ceased as the funds to support the 200 WTE (Primary Notifications) had not materialised. The 84 WTE in place has now reduced to 28 WTE, in large part due to staff seeking other funded positions within NAS.

5 more are due to commence training as Paramedics in 2025 with the remaining 24 now the subject of engagement with the relevant trade unions on redeployment into vacancies within our Intermediate Care Service.

There are no plans to expand this team in 2025.

I hope you find this information helpful

Yours sincerely

Robert Morton  
Director  
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