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To ask the Minister for Health when the National Ambulance Service will roll out the promised privileging course for advanced paramedics; how and where this will be advertised; and if it is advertised for paramedics abroad, including in England. -Claire Kerrane

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

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 response.

Privileging courses for all clinical grades (EMT, Paramedic and Advanced Paramedic) are conducted by the National Ambulance Service College on an annual scheduled basis. These programmes are internal programmes for NAS personnel, who for whatever reason, are not practising at a clinical level in accordance with their registration on the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council register of practitioners. The objective of the programme is to deliver training that allows practitioners to return to a higher level of clinical practice as per their PHECC registered scope of practice.

The most recent advanced paramedic re-privileging programme began in NASC Dublin on Mon 26.05.2025. This followed from an internal advertisement and selection process in line with NAS Privileging Procedure for New Entrants, Staff Returning to Practice, and Staff Wishing to Access a Different Level of Practice, 2024.

These programmes are not advertised externally and are solely for personnel who are already staff of NAS.

I hope this information is helpful.

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