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Deputy Thomas Gould TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**PQ25/10540**

*\*458. To ask the Minister for Health if the amount of the €16 million Budget 2025 allocation for the National Ambulance Service that was to be used to train advanced paramedics; and the number of advanced paramedics this will train. — Thomas Gould. [10540/25]*

**PQ25/10541**

*\*459. To ask the Minister for Health whether he is aware of comments made by the National Ambulance Service indicating it does not intend to reopen training for advanced paramedics. — Thomas Gould. [10541/25]*

Dear Deputy Gould,

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 above, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

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Funding for new service development posts in 2025 is part year funding, i.e. €8m, and is expected to take effect from July 2025. Full year effect expected to occur in 2026 (€16m).

Several proposed new service developments remain dependent on progress on several pay related matters, which are currently the subject of a WRC Conciliation process. These matters include the future grading and deployment of current Advanced Paramedics.

A significant number of posts will require appointees to enter either a BS. (Hon) in Paramedic Studies or an MSc. in Specialist Paramedic Practice (Community) programme. It is expected that any new appointees will commence employment and/or training before the end of 2025.

Due to the ongoing WRC related process, there are no plans or educational capacity available in 2025 to commence an MSc in Specialist Paramedic Practice (Advanced).

However, subject to the resolution of the current industrial dispute before the WRC, and the expansion of tertiary educational capacity in 2025, a recruitment campaign is planned to commence in 2025 to select suitable candidates to commence an MSc in Specialist Paramedic Practice (Advanced) in 2026, leading to appointment as Specialist Paramedics on successful completion.





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NAS is not aware of any decision not to commence an MSc. in Specialist Paramedic Practice (Advanced) programme in 2026.

I hope you find this information helpful

Yours sincerely

Robert Morton  
Director  
National Ambulance Service

