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**776. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 13 of 3 October 2024, the amount of the additional €16 million in full-year funding to the National Ambulance Service that will be spent on ensuring more advanced paramedics in 2025, as confirmed for Budget 2025 (details supplied); the amount of additional advance paramedics this will see trained; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [9767/25]*

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 Health for response.

Firstly, thank you for your visit to the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) in Tallaght to meet with us to discuss how NAS has evolved since 2015 and our strategic plan to 2034.

In relation to your parliamentary question, funding for new service development posts is expected to take effect from July 2025 with a view to full year funding effect in 2026. 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.

Part year funding in 2025 is expected to facilitate up to 24 places on an MSc. in Specialist Paramedic Practice (Community), commencing in September 2025. County Roscommon is now benefitting from Community Paramedic deployment in Roscommon, Longford, Athlone and Ballinasloe.

Subject to the HSE' National Service Plan 2026, full year funding in 2026 is expected to facilitate up to 24 places on an MSc. in Specialist Paramedic Practice (Advanced) programme in 2026 with recruitment expected to commence in 2025.

Recruitment in 2025 and 2026 cannot commence until such time the dispute before the WRC is resolved and NAS receives formal approval from the HSE to proceed in each respective year.





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Yours sincerely

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