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**PQ 9825/25**

***To ask the Minister for Health if the Minister will clarify the reason the rapid response service is not available in Roscommon on Thursdays; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Michael Fitzmaurice***

Dear Deputy Fitzmaurice

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.

The RRV roster in Roscommon provides coverage for 6.5 days per week, meaning the Thursday day shift is not included in the standard roster. Currently, we do not have non-rostered staff available to cover this shift, and there is no budget for overtime to address the shortfall. As a result, the shift remains uncovered unless a cost-neutral cover option becomes available.

The approved RRV roster in Roscommon provides 5 full time positions providing 156 hours of service each week, i.e. standard 39 hours per week per employee. There have been a number of transfer opportunities offered out to staff to take up a place on the RRV roster in Roscommon to fill existing vacancies, however, to date, only one offer has been accepted.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Director of Operations  
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