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Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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**1005. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the recent announcement by the National Ambulance Service (NAS) on the recruitment of additional staff does not include any additional paramedic posts for the west/north-west region; if she will give a firm assurance that people living in the west/north-west region are being provided with the same level of service from the NAS as people living in all other regions, with evidence of same. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [23211/25]*

Dear Deputy Mac Lochlainn,

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.

In recent years, the West North West Region has received sustained investment in resources to the point where despite the challenges of rurality, the Region has better response times than most of the rest of Ireland, including Dublin.

In this regard, NSP 2025 investment is being prioritised to the areas of greatest need.

NSP 2025 makes provision for the expansion of the NAS Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) which is expected to be located in the West North West Region. This expansion represents an equivalent level of investment compared to any other Region.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact John J. McGowan, our General Manager responsible for NAS Operations in the West North West Region.

In the meantime, I hope you find this information helpful

Yours sincerely

Robert Morton
Director
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