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Deputy Claire Kerrane TD
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PQ27655/25

To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on re-filling the roster for advanced paramedics on the rapid response vehicle (RRV) as before in Roscommon; the efforts being made to provide 24/7 cover by an advanced paramedic on the RRV as committed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Claire Kerrane

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To ask the Minister for Health the amount being saved daily, in monetary terms, since overtime to cover the rapid response vehicle on Thursdays in Roscommon was pulled. -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 questions which you submitted to the Minister for response.

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As previously advised, all vacant rostered positions within the National Ambulance Service (NAS) are filled through the national transfer process. In line with this, we have made several attempts to fill the vacant position relating to the Roscommon Rapid Response Vehicle (RRV) through this mechanism, unfortunately without success.

At present, the transfer window is closed to allow employees to express their interest in relocating to preferred areas. Once the transfer list reopens (30 June 2025), we will again seek to fill any outstanding vacancies, including that of the Roscommon RRV.

Additionally, an Advanced Paramedic (AP) privileging course is currently ongoing, and NAS is planning to run a new entrant Specialist Paramedic (Advanced) programme in 2026. NAS has included Roscommon in the list of priority locations for places on this MSC Specialist Paramedic programme.

These initiatives will further enhance the number of advanced paramedics available to the service.





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We remain committed to strengthening service delivery and ensuring high standards of pre-hospital care throughout the region.

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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.

As such overtime arrangements are unfunded and unauthorised, NAS is not accruing any savings in 2025.

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,

John J McGowan
General Manager
National Ambulance Service

