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To ask the Minister for Health the cost of doubling paramedic training places; the number of places this would create; and the current number of places. - David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

In practical terms, NAS does not have the capacity to double Student Paramedic places beyond the currently planned 256 in 2026, and would not have access to sufficient levels of clinical placements across the health service to facilitate such an increase in educational requirements.

Furthermore, all Student Paramedics enter the BS. (Hon) in Paramedic Studies in the clear expectation that a job will exist on successful completion of the programme.

In this context, the notional cost of doubling Student Paramedic places, including the doubling of educational capacity is estimated to be in the region of €31m per annum

I hope this information is helpful.

Shane Knox
Director of Paramedicine
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