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To ask the Minister for Health if a matter (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Michael Healy-Rae

Details Supplied

The HSE have just written to candidates for the Paramedic Training course commencing in January 2024 who already have signed contracts to tell them that due to budget constraints the training centre planned in Cork was not going ahead.

Dear Deputy Healy ray ,

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 budget allocation for the National Ambulance Service in 2024 does not provide for any new service developments. Therefore the planned development in 2024 of a new NAS college campus in Cork is unable to proceed. Students who are offered placements in Cork on the predication that this development would be able to proceed are now being offered places at existing NAS college campuses. Each prospective candidate will have received correspondence from the HSE's National Recruitment Service providing detailed arrangements for each candidate.

I hope this information is helpful.

Dr. Shane Knox
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