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**PQ 53084/23**

**To ask the Minister for Health the reason a specialised critical paramedic post (details supplied) remains unfilled in an area; what plans are in place to fill this post; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Claire Kerrane**

**Details Supplied:** Advanced Paramedic (with Advanced Life Support) in Roscommon

**PQ53085/23**

**TO ask the Minister for Health the reason a role (details supplied) has been filled by a person without without the necessary critical skills required as per the HSE Risk Management Policy and Procedures 2023; who made the decision to staff in this way; and if he will make a statement on the matter.-Claire Kerrane**

**Details Supplied:** A Paramedic with no Advanced Life Support filling role of Advanced Paramedic on Rapid Response Vehicle in Roscommon

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 Health for response.

**PQ 53084/23**

Two rosters are in operation in Roscommon base. One being the Rapid Response Vehicle (RRV) and the other being an Emergency Ambulance (EA) roster.

The RRV roster has four posts and is fully filled with four associated persons.

The EA roster has twenty associated posts with one currently permanently vacated.

This position was offered via the national transfer process and was declined by the only Advanced Paramedic on the transfer list. It was subsequently offered to the next Paramedic on the transfer list who also declined the offer. The panel was thereafter exhausted.

The national transfer window is currently closed. It will re-open in February 2024.





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### PQ53085/23

I am writing in response to the recent query above raised regarding the National Ambulance crewing of vehicles, specifically the absence of specification to Advanced Paramedics (AP) on the RRV in Roscommon. The vehicles are resourced by Advanced Paramedics and Paramedic grades. This is not unique to Roscommon and happens in other locations nationally.

The Rapid Response Vehicles (RRVs) are designed and used to reach the patient as soon as possible by a practitioner be that an Advanced Paramedic or a Paramedic.

In reference to the above named HSE Risk Management Policy and Procedures 2023, Crewing levels are not detailed in this, however pre –hospital dispatch standards are detailed in the Pre Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC) STN001 EMS Priority Dispatch Standard Version 5

<https://www.phecit.ie/Custom/BSIDocumentSelector/Pages/DocumentViewer.aspx?id=oGsVrspmiT0dOhDFFXZvlz0q5GYO7igwzB6buxHEgeAv3r3L0PQskx1Ab43WhchLRSYLXxHFWCQ%252bU%252bfXr3M4pYkdSOVm%252fwnYZE57yAMym6f%252f7VSgXZUbiAUtZRweGc9SSLXlpskqskhwOEQNjl20sDNE%252btLRx9%252fdfBq41p3E4zM%253d>

NAS are compliant with these regulations.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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