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To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans for the largest town in Ireland (Drogheda) to develop a new ambulance station/base to meet the considerable ever growing pressures in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Fergus O'Dowd

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

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.

The National Ambulance Service have been engaging with HSE Capital & Estates colleagues to define the requirements and identify appropriate sites for the development of a new Ambulance Station for Drogheda and the surrounding area and to prioritise the delivery of same in the context of the Ambulance Service needs in the wider North East region. It is intend to make a Capital Submission in early 2025 for approval to advance the design of a new facility. In the interim NAS, through its Minor Capital Works programme, have made a significant investment in its existing facilities in the Cottage Hospital, Drogheda to address current deficits and intend to schedule further minor capital works in 2024.

NAS have already secured approval to advance the design and construction of a new facility in the Dundalk area and are also preparing a submission for Q3 2024 for a new station on an identified site in Cavan.

I trust that this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Director of Planning and Infrastructure
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