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To ask the Minister for Health if the National Ambulance Service will commit to undertaking yearly privileging courses; if not, if it will commit to privileging its currently employed advanced paramedic staff who are practising to paramedic level and are qualified as advanced paramedics but not privileged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Claire Kerrane

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To ask the Minister for Health if the National Ambulance Service will commit to privileging courses as a previously set out course or commence a new course, with a new structure, content and contract for staff who enrol in it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -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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The National Ambulance Service has reviewed the privileging process, and following consultation with union representatives, shall commit to providing programmes for privileging where the needs arises, and in-line with the operational requirements of the Service. Those nominated staff members who complete the programme successfully shall be offered a new contract and privileged to practice at that grade. The intention is to present such courses of privileging centrally in the National Ambulance Service College on an annual basis, or as required.

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The National Ambulance Service shall commit to providing privileging courses, upon completion of the review of the current process, where the need arises and in-line with the operational requirements of the NAS. This will entail a new programme, and for those of whom are successful, a new contract for staff at the appropriate registrant level.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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