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Deputy Duncan Smith TD  
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Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**PQ 31762/24**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE advanced paramedics based in Co Wexford in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form; and if this number will be increased further this year.**

Dear Deputy Smith,

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.

Please note that Advanced Paramedic is a level of clinical practice, i.e. registered as an Advanced Paramedic with the Pre Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC). There is no specific employment grade within the HSE called Advanced Paramedic and hence, a variety of grades of staff may be registered as an Advanced Paramedic with PHECC.

There are currently 8 staff across a number of grades who are currently Privileged (Authorised) to Practice as an Advanced Paramedic in Co. Wexford.

The specific information you have requested in relation to 2023 is not available as there is no operational reason for the collection of such information and there are no clerical administrative staff in place to facilitate the production on such reports.

There are no plans to expand, maintain or reduce advanced paramedic recruitment in 2024. Where a staff member retires, leaves or seeks promotion, any subsequent vacancy is filled in the normal manner, subject to the HSE Employment Controls that may be in place at the time of the vacancy.

I hope you find this information helpful

Yours sincerely

Robert Morton  
Director  
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