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To ask the Minister for Health the number of qualified advanced paramedics in the midwest region who are currently serving in desk positions, outside of those on light duty for practical reasons, out of the 43 advanced paramedics in the region; if some of those desk positions could be filled by a clerk who is not licensed to practice as an advanced paramedic, to increase the number of paramedics on the road; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Wynne,

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.

I am advised that there are currently no staff in the Mid West Region who are currently Privileged (Authorised) to Practice as an Advanced Paramedic and who are in receipt of the Advanced Paramedic Allowance, who are not available for deployment.

I hope you find this information helpful

Yours sincerely

Robert Morton
Director
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