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To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the air ambulance service moving from Athlone to Dublin, and if he will make a statement on the matter. – Sorca Clarke

Dear Deputy Clarke,

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.

There are works due to commence in Athlone barracks, the date is yet to be determined by the Department of Defence and the Aircorp. Once this is confirmed there will likely be a decision to relocate the service for the duration of the works from Athlone to Baldonnell.

The decision on the relocation of the Aircraft rests with Department of Defence.

The Aircraft based in Athlone is an Aircorp asset and therefore has to be located in the confines of Military Installation when not in service for security reasons (night time).

Sligo and Shannon Coast Guard will continue to support HEMS when available for the duration of the works.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

William Merriman
Director of Operations
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