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Deputy Mairead Farrell
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PQ 36855

To ask the Minister for Health when an extra ambulance and a rapid response unit with extra staff will be provided to an organisation (details supplied), following a ten-year wait for same. -Mairéad Farrell

(Details) after a ten year long campaign by the Connemara Ambulance Crisis Group, an extra ambulance and a rapid response unit plus extra staff was granted, however they are still waiting years for this to be delivered, can the Minister provide an update on when this will be delivered?

Dear Deputy Farrell,

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.

The National Ambulance Service (NAS) deployed additional resources, specifically an Emergency Ambulance (EA) and a Rapid Response Vehicle (RRV), to Recess in September 2021. These resources are being temporarily stationed in Clifden while awaiting the completion of a new station in Connemara North. Once the base construction is finished and fully operational, these resources will be reassigned to that location. This interim solution ensures adequate emergency response coverage until the permanent base is ready.

We can confirm the following in relation to this project.

- Statutory Consents:
 - *Planning - granted*
 - *Fire Safety Certificate (FSC) – Granted*
 - *Disability Access Certificate (DAC) – Lodged & awaiting grant*
- *Detailed Design towards provision of pre-tender cost estimate & completion of tender documents is ongoing. Currently frozen Architectural packages are with the NAS for final comment.*
- *The programme currently targets issue of the tender package in mid-to-late October.*
- *Commencement on-site is expected January 2025 with an estimated six month construction period.*





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I trust that this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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