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Deputy Edward Timmons TD
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**PQ1840.25 To ask the Minister for Health if advanced paramedics courses are being run by the National Ambulance Service at present in County Wicklow; and if not, if there are plans to do so.
Edward Timmins**

Dear Deputy Timmons,

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 response.

The National Ambulance Service, is currently focused on educating new paramedics and has recently recruited ninety paramedic students, adding to over three hundred paramedic students currently completing their paramedic BSc (Hons) degree programme. In addition, the NAS priority is to continue training Specialist Paramedics – Community Paramedics, with more training planned for later this year. The NAS does not deliver programmes for Counties, but takes a national view of training. In relation to advanced paramedic courses, it is our intention to continue to train advanced paramedics next year if that is identified as a priority and if we have the resources to do so.

I hope this information is helpful.

Professor Shane Knox
Director of Paramedicine
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