



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive



CLINICAL ADVISORY

To: Advanced Paramedics, Paramedics, EMTs, Call Takers, Dispatchers, Supervisors, Managers.

From: Medical Director

Date: December 2020

Subject: **PATIENT NON - TRANSPORT**

Dear colleagues,

I am writing to remind you of your obligations in circumstances where patients are not transported to hospital, which are outlined in the accompanying NAS Guidance Document on Patient Non – Transport.

In particular, I want to reiterate that with the exception of:

- a) possible COVID 19 patients who are clinically appropriate for home treatment (as per NASCG 022020 Ambulance Operations Procedure - Non-Conveyance of Suspected or Confirmed Adult COVID 19 Patients);
 - b) patients treated by Community Paramedics or NAS staff on NAS approved non – conveyance programmes,
- there is no provision for NAS staff to assess and discharge a patient on scene.**

1. Accordingly, I am re-issuing an updated version of the NAS Guidance Document on Patient Non – Transport (previously titled “NAS Guidance Document on Patient Refusal of Transport”). **Please ensure that you are familiar with this document and adhere to its provisions.**

2. In parallel, in cases of patient refusal of transport, **all practitioners are required to submit a printed copy of the patient ePCR to their station supervisor for audit.**

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

**Professor Cathal O'Donnell,
Clinical Director.**

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