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**Re: PQ 42659/19:** “To ask the Minister for Health the number of paramedics assigned to counties Cavan and Monaghan; the stations they are assigned to; the number of ambulances operating in the counties; the stations they are operating from; the rota of same per day; the area they cover; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Smyth,

The Health Service Executive 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 NAS National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) dynamically deploys resources to areas where cover is required or to respond to incidents as they arise to ensure the nearest available resource responds to emergencies. Care begins immediately the emergency call is received, where lifesaving pre-arrival assistance is given by the emergency call takers directly to the patient or any third party that is available to assist. This pre-arrival care includes the delivery of medications, CPR, use of defibrillator, haemorrhage control, childbirth and many other emergencies that present.

This care is then transferred to the arriving paramedics where it is followed through to the safe transportation and handover of the patient to the clinical team at the receiving hospital. NEOC utilises an Advanced Medical Priority Dispatch System (AMPDS) which utilises international standards in triaging and prioritising emergency calls. This system ensures that life threatening calls receive an immediate and appropriate response, while lower acuity calls may have to wait until an emergency resource becomes available

It is important to note that the NAS operates on a national and area basis as opposed to a local basis. Resources are dynamically deployed which means resources are deployed to areas to provide cover or to respond to incidents as they arise.



The tables below outline the rostered resources in Counties Cavan and Monaghan:

<b>Day shift</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thur</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Sun</b>
Cavan Emergency Ambulance	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Cavan Intermediate Care Vehicle	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Monaghan Emergency Ambulance	3	3	2	2	2	2	2
Virginia Emergency Ambulance	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
Castleblayney Emergency Ambulance	2	2	2	2	2	0	1
Castleblayney Intermediate Care Vehicle	2	2	2	2	2	0	0
Clones Community Paramedic	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

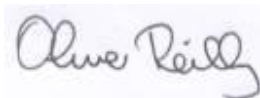
<b>Night shift</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thur</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Sun</b>
Cavan Emergency Ambulance	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Monaghan Emergency Ambulance	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Virginia Emergency Ambulance	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Castleblayney Emergency Ambulance	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

The table below outlines the number of staff assigned to each ambulance station in Counties Cavan and Monaghan:

<b>Ambulance Station</b>	<b>No. of Staff</b>
Cavan	17
Monaghan	23
Virginia	11
Castleblayney	13
Cavan Intermediate Care	6
Castleblayney Intermediate Care	4
Community Paramedics	2

I trust this information is of assistance to you and should you require additional information please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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