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17th November 2020.

Re: PQ 34308/20.

To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulance attendances at each emergency department nationwide in October 2020; the number of such ambulances that waited longer than 20 minutes to hand over patients get their trolleys back and return to responding to calls; the number that waited more than 40, 60, 90, 120 minutes and more than 180 minutes, respectively for same.

Dear Deputy Lahart,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have attached below the latest available statistics for September 2020. The October 2020 statistics are in the process of completing their validation process.

I trust this information is of assistance to and should you require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Pauline McDonagh,
Senior Executive Officer.

National Ambulance Service Turnaround Times - HSE & DFB

ALL HOSPITALS

September

2020

| Total AS1 & AS2 Ambulance Calls to Hospitals, Time calculated from arrival at Hospital until Clear | % | Total No of Calls | Average Time at Hospital |
|--|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Cleared at Hospital in 20 Minutes or Less | 13.63% | 3,000 | 00:41:08 |
| Cleared at Hospital in 30 Minutes or Less | 35.49% | 7,811 | |
| Cleared at Hospital in 60 Minutes or Less | 84.59% | 18,615 | |
| Cleared at Hospital 1 to 2 hours | 13.93% | 3,066 | |
| Cleared at Hospital 2 to 3 hours | 1.11% | 245 | |
| Cleared at Hospital 3 to 4 hours | 0.22% | 49 | |
| Cleared at Hospital 4 to 5 hours | 0.11% | 24 | |
| Cleared at Hospital 5 to 6 hours | 0.03% | 6 | |
| Cleared at Hospital 6 to 7 hours | 0.00% | 1 | Total Time at Hospital |
| At Hospital 7 - 14hours | 0.00% | 0 | |
| GRAND TOTAL | 100.00% | 22,006 | 15085:1 |

The National Ambulance Service collects “Ambulance Turnaround Times” data from the Computer Aid Dispatch (CAD) systems that electronically records the ambulance arrival time and clear and available time for every Emergency Call (AS1) and Urgent Call (AS2) transported to hospitals with Emergency Departments (ED)/Specialist Units.

The NAS acknowledges that “Ambulance Turnaround Times” data combine the time intervals from ambulance arrival time (through clinical handover in the ED or specialist units) to when the ambulance crew declares the readiness of the ambulance to accept another call (clear available).

The National Emergency Medicine Programme Key Performance Indicator for Ambulance Patient Handover Time relates solely to the time interval from ambulance arrival at the ED/hospital to the time of completion of patient handover in the ED/hospital.