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Deputy Thomas Gould TD
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PQ 44951/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances in Cork city and county by hospital or area; and the number considered a full cohort by year for the past five years in tabular form. -Thomas Gould

PQ 44952/21

To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a shortage of ambulances in Cork city and county; and his plans to address same. -Thomas Gould

Dear Deputy Gould,

The National Ambulance Service (NAS) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above submitted Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Below is a breakdown of the vehicles assigned per county to Cork City & County. Please note that this is not a list of vehicles on duty on a daily basis.

South	
South East	EA'S
Wexford	11
Waterford	9
Carlow	4
Kilkenny	6
South West	
Cork City	10
East Cork	4
West Cork	8
North Cork	10
South Tipperary	7
Kerry	15





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It should be noted that all NAS resources are dynamically deployed to calls across the country on a nearest available (to the incident) basis and not on a county boundary basis.

The NAS are currently facing delays in responding to ambulance calls across a number of areas nationally. There are a number of factors contributing to this such as a significant increase in activity, increased arrival to hand-over delays at Emergency Departments, elongated call duration due to infection prevention and control measures required due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

The NAS are implementing plans to improve this situation, however this may be challenging coming into the winter months.

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

Yours Sincerely,

William Merriman
Deputy Director
National Ambulance Service