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To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances currently in operation in counties Longford and Westmeath. - Robert Troy

Dear Deputy Troy,

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 Health for response.

NAS operates on a national basis and mobilises responses to calls for assistance based on patient needs, ambulances may travel to and be dispatched from various locations, irrespective of their base, as they are not confined to work in geographical areas, for example an ambulance based in Waterford may respond to a call in Tipperary or vice versa.

The current deployment model is designed around international best practice and has eliminated previous practices where the nearest ambulance was not always dispatched due to former legacy boundaries.

The table below outlines the Emergency Ambulances (EA) currently based in Westmeath & Longford.

| Ambulance Station | No of EA's |
|-------------------|------------|
| ATHLONE | 4 |
| LONGFORD | 4 |
| MULLINGAR | 5 |

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

William Merriman
Deputy Director
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