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To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances available in the UL Hospitals Group on a daily basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Donoghue,

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.

UL Hospital groups are within the National Ambulance West Division – Mid-West Region.

The below table show the number of duty ambulances based within the Mid-West region.

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night
Limerick	5	3	5	3	6	3	6	3	5	4	4	4	4	5
Clare	6	5	6	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	5
North Tipp	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	3

Please note the above is subject to change.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

William Merriman
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