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To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1825, 1826 and 1827 of 26 April 2022 based on the ambulance data provided the number of patients transferred from each of the hospitals listed whose primary medical transfer requirement was for the treatment for any cardiac issue in tabular form; the data to be segmented per hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Matt Shanahan

Dear Deputy Shanahan,

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 response.

Please find attached the three completed documents. I include a summary slide in each document to clearly show the percentage of calls related to cardiac issues vs the total number of all Protocol 37 requests made. As your request is for cardiac related transfers, I have also included in the specialist percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) units for the respective destination hospitals, this has increased the total number of Protocol 37 requests in this report compared to what was previously supplied to you in other parliamentary questions answered.

In addition to this the timestamps used here for '*Time of Clinical Handover*' at the destination facility is for when the crew cleared from that hospital. It is a more accurate time as the handover time is not always populated on all calls.

Please note that this request has taken up to 10 hours to complete, this is due to the complex nature of the data and the need to review many calls individually to determine if they were cardiac related or not. As such, if a request to similar is received in the future we will be referring you to submit under the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

William Merriman
Deputy Director
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