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To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of ambulance response times in County Wicklow in 2021 and to date in 2022, by municipal district in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - John Brady

Dear Deputy Brady,

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.

The call taking and dispatch function is operated by the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) which operates across two sites, Dublin and Ballyshannon. All NAS resources are dispatched to calls across the country from the NEOC on a nearest available (to the incident) basis and not on a county boundary basis.

NAS reports on the average response times for 'Category 1' calls by Area and region. 'Category 1' refers to life-threatening conditions requiring immediate intervention and/or resuscitation. For example, cardiac or respiratory arrest, airway obstruction, ineffective breathing and unconscious patient with abnormal or noisy breathing etc.

NAS is divided into 3 Operational Areas, North Leinster, West and South.

The North Leinster Area is divided into 3 regions, East, North East & Midlands which incorporates the following counties: Dublin, Kildare, Meath, Wicklow, Laois, Longford, Offaly, Westmeath, Cavan, Louth and Monaghan.

The table below contains the average response times for each region within the North Leinster Area;

Category 1 Average Response Times – North Leinster Region		2021 (Jan – Dec)	2022 (Jan – Mar)
	EAST	00:19	00:21
	MIDLANDS	00:25	00:28
	NORTH EAST	00:23	00:23

I trust that this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

William Merriman
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