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Deputy David Cullinane TD
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Leinster House
Dublin 2

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To ask the Minister for Health the availability of ambulance services in the Inishowen Peninsula, County Donegal on a 24/7 basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

Currently we have an Ambulance Station in Carndonagh Co Donegal and a deployment point in Buncrana Co Donegal. We are working extensively with estates to progress the development of a full ambulance base in Buncrana, this is currently at design stage.

Carndonagh operates one-day crew and one night crew 8am-8pm and 8pm – 8am. An addition shift starts in Carndonagh 10am – 10pm, which we deploy to Buncrana once their shift has commenced and they then, operate from there for the remainder of their shift.

Aside from this, we operate the community paramedic car across Co Donegal. However, 2 days a week Tuesday and Thursday they are attached to Buncrana Health Centre assisting the GPs.

They operate a hospital avoidance role attending low acuity calls with a view to treating people in their home where possible.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

William Merriman
Director of Operations
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