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Deputy Pearse Doherty,
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Leinster House,
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PQ 17917/23

To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time to admit patients from ambulances to the ED at Letterkenny University Hospital in each month of 2022 and in January, February and March 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Pearse Doherty

PQ 17918/23

To ask the Minister for Health the longest waiting time to admit patients from ambulances to the ED at Letterkenny University Hospital in each month of 2022 and in January, February and March 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Pearse Doherty

PQ 17919/23

To ask the Minister for Health the longest waiting time to admit a patient from ambulances to the ED at Letterkenny University Hospital for each month of 2022 and in January, February and March 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Pearse Doherty

PQ 17920/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of times ambulances in each ambulance station in County Donegal were unable to leave Letterkenny University Hospital due to delays in admitting patients to the ED, or when patients were using an ambulance trolley inside the hospital, for each month of 2022 and in January, February and March 2023, in tabular form. -Pearse Doherty

Dear Deputy Doherty,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) National Ambulance Service (NAS) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

I am enclosing a table in response to the 4 x PQ's raised by you above. The table contains the following information relating to Ambulance turnover times at Letterkenny University Hospital (LUH):

- Average waiting time for an Emergency Ambulance (EA) at LUH (PQ 17917/23)
- Longest waiting time for an EA at LUH (PQ 17918/23 and PQ 17919/23)
- No of calls with EA delays in excess of 1 hour at LUH (PQ 17920/23)

The table provides details from January 2022 – March 2023 as requested.





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	Average Time	Max Time	Total Calls with Ambulances Over 1 hr
Jan-22	01:12:50	09:54:30	420
Feb-22	01:20:01	05:47:52	415
Mar-22	01:36:32	09:19:40	541
Apr-22	01:10:32	06:15:18	438
May-22	01:05:50	05:45:23	402
Jun-22	01:10:00	05:51:58	439
Jul-22	01:13:43	11:17:28	500
Aug-22	01:23:42	08:48:25	576
Sep-22	01:24:58	07:47:10	594
Oct-22	01:25:46	21:39:35	559
Nov-22	01:46:01	09:37:06	533
Dec-22	01:35:30	14:51:00	541
Jan-23	01:21:36	19:19:27	434
Feb-23	01:26:57	08:26:15	432
Mar-23	01:50:46	14:13:06	610

I trust that this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

William Merriman
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