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Deputy Duncan Smith TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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To ask the Minister for Health the additional resources that will be provided by the National Ambulance Service to the Kerry Area. -Duncan Smith

Dear Deputy Smith

NAS operates a dynamic model of ambulance deployment. This is in line with international best practice and allows the NAS to prioritise resource allocation to the highest acuity calls that require an immediate emergency response. Dynamic deployment also allows the NAS to categorise non-serious or non-life-threatening calls, and to provide a resource appropriate to the patients' clinical need.

NAS operates under the HSE's 'Performance Accountability Framework', which sets out the means by which the service is held to account for its performance in relation to access to services and the quality and safety of those services.

The HSE's National Ambulance Service (NAS) operates from over 100 locations throughout Ireland and its' services are delivered by over 2,000 staff members.

8 x new development posts were allocated to the South West area in 2023. These posts will service the South West Health Region through our dynamic deployment system detailed above.

NAS adopts a detailed and analysis based approach focussed on predicting and planning the capacity required into the future to continue to provide high quality, safe and person centred emergency and urgent care services against the background of ever-rising demand.

Yours sincerely

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