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To ask the Minister for Health the total number of ambulance drivers currently employed by the HSE, the total number of ambulances currently operational within the HSE, if he will list the points across the State from which ambulances are dispatched and if he will make a statement on the matter - Peadar Tóibín

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

The 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.

NAS does not employ any ambulance drivers but rather a diverse clinical workforce which includes Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics, Advanced Paramedics, Nurses, Doctors, Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists.

NAS does not operate a singular fleet of ambulances but rather operates a diverse fleet of vehicles which includes but is not limited to emergency ambulances, intermediate care vehicles, critical care ambulances, rapid response, motorcycle response, pathfinder, community paramedic and specialist response vehicles as well as emergency helicopters.

In the context of your question we are providing details below of emergency ambulances and emergency service staffing only:

GRADE	NUMBER
Emergency Medical Technicians	208
Paramedics	983
Advanced Paramedics	224
Paramedic Supervisors	92
Advanced Paramedic Supervisors	105
Emergency Ambulances	280

Table 1 – Emergency Ambulances & Emergency Staffing (20.02.2023)

Emergency ambulances are dispatched to waiting 999 calls from their last place of availability which can be anywhere throughout the State, hence it is not possible to provide a comprehensive list of dispatch points through Ireland. In some cases, emergency ambulances are dispatched when free at Emergency Departments or from staff work locations the list of which is attached (Table 2).

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF AMBULANCE STATIONS		
Ardee	Dundalk	Millstreet
Arklow	Dungloe	Monaghan
Athlone	Dungarvan	Mullingar





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Athy	Dunshaughlin	Mulranny
Ballina	Edenderry	Naas
Ballinasloe	Ennis	Navan
Ballyshannon	Enniscorthy	Nenagh
Baltinglass	Ennistymon	Newcastle
Bantry	Fermoy	Newcastle West
Belmullet	Finglas	New Ross
Birr	Finn Valley	Portlaoise
Boyle	Galway	Rathcool
Caherciveen	Gorey	Roscommon
Carlow	Kanturk	Roscrea
Carndonagh	Kenmare	Scarriff
Carraroe	Kilkenny	Skibbereen
Carrick-on-Shannon	Killarney	Sligo
Cashel	Killybegs	Swords
Castlebar	Kilrush	Tallaght
Castleblayney	Letterkenny	Thurles
Castletownbere	Limerick	Tipperary
Cavan	Listowel	Tralee
Clifden	Longford	Trim
Cork City	Loughglynn	Tuam
Clonakilty	Loughlinstown	Tullamore
Clonmel	Loughrea	Virginia
Connemara	Macroom	Waterford
Dingle	Mallow	Wexford
Donegal	Manorhamilton	Wicklow
Drogheda	Maynooth	Youghal
Dublin South Central	Midleton	

Table 2 – Locations of Ambulance Stations

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF HOSPITAL/ED LOCATIONS		
Bantry General Hospital	Mercy University Hospital	St Lukes Hospital, Kilkenny
Beaumont Hospital	Mullingar Regional Hospital	St Michaels Dun Laoghaire
Cavan General Hospital	Naas General Hospital	St Vincents Hospital
Connolly Memorial Hospital	National Maternity Hospital	Tallaght Hospital
Coombe Maternity Hospital	Our Lady's Navan	Tallaght Paediatric Hospital
Cork University Hospital	Portiuncula Hospital	Temple St Hospital
Crumlin Childrens Hospital	Portlaoise Hospital	Tullamore Hospital
Kerry University Hospital	Rotunda Maternity Hospital	University Hospital Galway
Letterkenny University Hospital	Sligo University Hospital	University Hospital Limerick
Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda	South Tipperary General Hospital	Waterford University Hospital
Mater Hospital, Dublin	St James Hospital	Wexford General Hospital
Mayo University Hospital		

Table 3 – Locations of ED/Hospitals





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I hope this information is helpful.

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