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Deputy David Cullinane,
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PQ 35076/23

To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of clinical status 1 ECHO and clinical status 1 DELTA incidents responded to by a patient-carrying vehicle in 18 minutes and 59 seconds or less for each month for each year 2018-2023 to date, inclusive, nationally and by ambulance region, in tabular form; the average length of such response times nationally and by region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

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To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of incidents responded to by the ambulance service by clinical status and substatus for each month for each year 2018-2023 to date, inclusive. -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 Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

Please refer to response to PQ's 2657/23, 2909/23, 2910/23 & 2656/23, issued to you on 2nd February 2023. This response provides the data for the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 in response to this PQ 35076/23.

Please refer to response to PQ's 20886/56, issued to you on 18th May 2023. This response provides the data for Q1/2023 in response to PQ 35076/23.

% AT SCENE < 19 MINUTES – PURPLE

	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23
National	73%	71%	69%
Southern	78%	69%	64%
Eastern	76%	75%	72%
Western	64%	67%	69%

Table 1: Average response times 2023 to date – Clinical Status Purple

% AT SCENE < 19 MINUTES - RED

	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23
National	47%	46%	44%
Southern	43%	42%	37%
Eastern	48%	47%	46%
Western	48%	50%	48%

Table 2: Average response times 2023 to date – Clinical Status Red





2023 JAN - JUN

EAST	00:20
MIDLANDS	00:26
MID-WEST	00:23
NORTH EAST	00:22
NORTH WEST	00:21
SOUTH EAST	00:29
SOUTHERN	00:23
WEST	00:24

Table 3: Average response times 2023 by region.

By way of context, the data provided relates to PURPLE (ECHO) and RED (DELTA) calls originating from a 999 call received by NAS. The data provided excludes emergency calls between hospitals or 999 emergency calls received by Dublin Fire Brigade, which does not operate under the governance of the HSE.

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NAS are obliged to report monthly on Purple (Echo) and Red (Delta) call activity, category 1 (– life threatening – cardiac or respiratory arrest or life threatening other than cardiac or respiratory arrest) calls. Table 4 below details the number and percentage of incidents responded to by NAS since January 2019 to June 2023 on a monthly basis.

Month	Total 999 Calls	Total Cat 1 Calls	% Cat 1 of Total Calls
Jan 2019	20965	9702	46%
Feb 2019	18432	8811	48%
Mar 2019	20315	9296	46%
Apr 2019	19724	9179	47%
May 2019	20633	9293	45%
Jun 2019	19990	9034	45%
Jul 2019	20922	9407	45%
Aug 2019	21019	9415	45%
Sep 2019	20232	8965	44%
Oct 2019	21143	9365	44%
Nov 2019	21092	9423	45%
Dec 2019	24649	11420	46%
Jan 2020	21096	9686	46%
Feb 2020	19883	8750	44%
Mar 2020	25348	10875	43%
Apr 2020	21723	8066	37%
May 2020	22186	8216	37%
Jun 2020	20465	7753	38%
Jul 2020	22288	8347	37%
Aug 2020	24534	8709	35%
Sep 2020	24226	8938	37%





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Oct 2020	24283	8830	36%
Nov 2020	20680	7950	38%
Dec 2020	24216	9413	39%
Jan 2021	24630	9789	40%
Feb 2021	18017	7697	43%
Mar 2021	19671	8712	44%
Apr 2021	20509	8883	43%
May 2021	21784	9589	44%
Jun 2021	22510	9727	43%
Jul 2021	24286	10868	45%
Aug 2021	23781	10447	44%
Sep 2021	23438	10481	45%
Oct 2021	24601	11434	46%
Nov 2021	23274	11061	48%
Dec 2021	25153	12166	48%
Jan 2022	23815	11202	47%
Feb 2022	21990	10256	47%
Mar 2022	25431	12138	48%
Apr 2022	23430	11030	47%
May 2022	24575	11346	46%
Jun 2022	23978	11521	48%
Jul 2022	24631	11720	48%
Aug 2022	24410	11378	47%
Sep 2022	23667	11022	47%
Oct 2022	25411	12278	48%
Nov 2022	24635	11735	48%
Dec 2022	27483	14107	51%
Jan 2023	24559	11887	48%
Feb 2023	21958	10274	47%
Mar 2023	25293	11895	47%
Apr 2023	24224	11341	47%
May 2023	25652	11843	46%
Jun 2023	24596	11383	46%

Table 4: Cat 1 calls as percentage of no of calls received (monthly)

I trust that this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

William Merriman
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