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**PQ 12383/23**

*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 in January and February in each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date in 2023, 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*

**PQ 12384/23**

*To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of incidents responded to by the ambulance service by clinical status and sub status in January and February in each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date in 2023, inclusive. - David Cullinane*

**PQ 15939/23**

*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 in January, February and March for each year 2019-2023, 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*

**PQ 15940/23**

*To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of incidents responded to by the ambulance service by clinical status and sub status in January, February and March for each year 2019-2023, 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 Health for response.

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.

Performance across the winter months of January and February in each year requested are affected by surges in influenza, Covid, RSV as well as severe weather events. Furthermore, the annual increases in demand are in general terms, more profound across these periods.





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### **PQ23/12383 & PQ23/15939**

Can I please refer you to previous PQ 2656, 2657 and 2658, issued on 02.02.2023, which provides 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 in January and February in each of the years 2019 to 2022.

The tables below give the requested information for January and February 2023:

PURPLE	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	RED	Jan 2023	Feb 2023
NSP 2023 Target	75%	75%	NSP 2023 Target	45%	45%
National	76%	74%	National	46%	47%
North Leinster	80%	78%	North Leinster	50%	50%
South	78%	67%	South	44%	45%
West	69%	71%	West	50%	51%

### **PQ23/12384 & PQ23/15940**

The following table sets out both the percentage and average of PURPLE (ECHO) and RED (DELTA) calls originating from a 999 call received by NAS responded to by a patient-carrying vehicle in 18 minutes and 59 seconds or less in January and February in each of the years 2019 to 2023.

Month	999 Responses	Cat 1 (Purple/Red) Responses	% within 19 min
Jan-19	27653	12822	46%
Feb-19	24485	11639	48%
Jan-20	27581	12722	46%
Feb-20	25939	11396	44%
Jan-21	30850	12746	41%
Feb-21	23503	10138	43%
Jan-22	30307	14148	47%
Feb-22	28229	13097	46%
Jan-23	30988	14997	48%
Feb-23	27837	13094	47%

Please note that there are no targets or standards applying to any other category of 999 call and consequently, NAS does not publish such data.

I hope the information provided is helpful.

Yours sincerely

William Merriman  
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National Ambulance Service

