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Deputy Sean Fleming,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
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**PQ 21551/23**

**To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date situation in relation to ambulance services at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Sean Fleming**

**Details Supplied: Ambulance Service for Co. Laois and the provision of services in this area and locations as to where ambulances are based and to cover the county**

Dear Deputy Fleming,

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.

**CONTEXT**

In line with International Best Practice, the NAS operates a dynamic deployment model which results in the closest ambulance being tasked to respond to high acuity PURPLE calls (Life Threatening cardiac or respiratory) or RED calls (life threatening illness or injury other than cardiac or respiratory arrest). This call taking and dispatch function is operated by the NAS National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) which operates across two sites, Dublin and Ballyshannon. All NAS resources are dispatched to calls across the country from the NEOC on a nearest available (to the incident) basis and not on a county boundary basis.

Response times per county are not deemed a Key Performance Indicator (KPI) for the Health Information Quality Authority (HIQA), the Department of Health (DoH) or the National Ambulance Service (NAS). Therefore, reporting and publishing of response times on a county by county basis same is not a requirement.

**Portlaoise Ambulance Base**

- 3 Emergency Ambulances each day – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.
- 2 Emergency Ambulances each day – Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday.
- 2 Emergency Ambulances each night - Wednesday to Sunday.
- 1 Emergency Ambulance each night - Monday and Tuesday.





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### **Edenderry Ambulance Base**

- 1 Emergency Ambulance 2 days a week - Friday and Sunday.
- 2 Emergency Ambulances 4 days a week - Monday to Thursday.
- 1 Emergency Ambulance 7 nights a week.

### **Tullamore Ambulance Base**

- 2 Emergency Ambulances 5 days a week - Monday to Friday.
- 1 Emergency Ambulance 2 days a week - Saturday and Sunday.
- 1 Emergency Ambulance 5 nights a week - Monday to Friday.
- 2 Emergency Ambulances 2 nights a week - Saturday and Sunday.
- 1 Rapid Response Vehicle 7 nights a week and 6 days a week, except Tuesday.
- 1 ICV – 5 days a week Monday to Friday.

### **Athy Ambulance Base**

- 1 Emergency Ambulance 4 days a week - Thursday to Sunday.
- 2 Emergency Ambulances 3 days a week – Monday to Wednesday.
- 1 Emergency Ambulance 7 nights a week.

### **Carlow Ambulance Base.**

- 2 Emergency Ambulances 7 days a week.
- 1 Emergency Ambulance from 6 pm to midnight 5 evenings a week - Monday to Friday.
- 2 Emergency Ambulances 7 nights a week.

I trust that this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

William Merriman  
Director of Operations  
National Ambulance Service

