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Minister on behalf of the residents from outside of Tralee ,back though conor pass and west of Dingle it is a very regular occurrence now more often than once a fortnight that we have no ambulance cover in that area We also on many occasions we do not have any cover from Dingle Doc as adequate resources are not in place and puts huge pressure on local GPs and A& E in UHK

Dear Deputy Healy Rae,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) 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 Health for response.

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. This does mean that at particularly busy periods lower acuity calls will be liable to experience a longer wait for an ambulance.

The below table shows the number of emergency ambulances based in South Kerry.

Caherciveen	2 Emergency Ambulance Vehicles
Kenmare	2 Emergency Ambulance Vehicles
Killarney	2 Emergency Ambulance Vehicles

I trust that this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

William Merriman
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