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Mr. Thomas Gould TD,
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To ask the Minister for Health the average ambulance turnaround time, by hospital in Cork and Tipperary in 2023. -Thomas Gould

Dear Deputy Gould,

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 a response.

In 2023, the NAS was obliged to report on % of ambulance turnaround delays escalated where ambulance crews were not cleared nationally (from ambulance arrival time through clinical handover in ED or specialist unit to when the ambulance crew declares readiness of the ambulance to accept another call) in line with the process/flow path in the ambulance turnaround framework within 30 minutes. Table 1 below outlines this data for hospitals in Cork and Tipperary in 2023.



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	JAN-23	FEB-23	MAR-23	APR-23	MAY-23	JUN-23	JUL-23	AUG-23	SEP-23	OCT-23	NOV-23	DEC-23
Destination												
BANTRY GENERAL HOSPITAL	32%	61%	7%	32%	55%	13%	22%	60%	18%	30%	30%	30%
CORK UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL	11%	73%	16%	13%	73%	15%	11%	70%	19%	13%	13%	11%
MERCY UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL	12%	60%	28%	11%	51%	38%	7%	50%	43%	13%	13%	12%
SOUTH TIPPERARY GENERAL	16%	57%	27%	13%	52%	34%	11%	53%	36%	14%	14%	14%

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

William Merriman
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