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PQ 8858/24 *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses, vehicles and doctors that are based in each D-Doc treatment centre in 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form; and if these numbers will be further increased this year.”* **Paul Donnelly, TD**

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The DDoc GP Out of Hours (OOH) Service provides urgent medical care to the population of Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) outside of normal GP hours. Appointments for this service are available from 6pm until 8am weekdays and 24 hours at weekends covering 365 days a year. There are five treatment centres and three mobile units across CHO DNCC.

The following table shows the number of doctors, nurses and vehicles present during opening hours in each centre at any one time for both 2023 and 2024. During peak times where demand can be high (e.g. Christmas, Bank Holidays, winter months), an increased number of GPs are rostered in the centres who have capacity. There are no plans to increase the DDoc GP OOH Service in these centres at the present time.

DDOC GP OOH Service			
	Doctors	Nurses	Vehicles
Ballymun Primary Care Centre	2	1	1
Coolock Primary Care Centre	3	1	1
Hartstown Health Centre	3	1	1
North Strand Health Centre	2	1	0
Swords Health Centre	2	1	0

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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