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To ask the Minister for Health the number of rapid response vehicles that are available on a 24-7 basis in County Cavan in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. -Duncan Smith

Dear Deputy Smith,

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.

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 RRV has the capacity to provide ALS to Emergency Ambulance crews who are deployed from nearby stations in response to 999/112 calls, including Virginia, Monaghan, Castleblayney and Longford, as part of the dynamic deployment model. This service also provides an initial ALS response to patients where no Emergency Ambulance is immediately available. However, an RRV, of itself, cannot transport a patient to the Emergency Department - the conveyance of patients, in Cavan and elsewhere, can only be conducted by Emergency Ambulance

There is currently one Advanced Life Support (ALS) Rapid Response Vehicle (RRV) operating out of Cavan during daytime hours only according to the following roster, which was in place throughout 2023 also:

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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