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PQ 34455/24

To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulance staff required to operate an ambulance safely.

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To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 211 of 3 July 2024, the number of ambulance staff employed at each of the hospitals contained within the reply.

Dear Deputy Tully,

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 Health for response.

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The deployment model used by NAS for emergency calls is based on the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Dispatch Standard published by the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC) as the competent regulator in this area <https://www.phecit.ie/Custom/BSIDocumentSelector/Pages/DocumentViewer.aspx?id=oGsVrspmiT0dOhDFFXZvIz0q5GYO7igwzB6buxHEgeAv3r3L0PQskx1Ab43WhchLRSYLXxHFWCQ%252bU%252bfXr3M4pYkdSOVm%252fwnYZE57yAMym6f%252f7VSgXZUbiAUtZRweGc9SSLXlpskqskhwOEQNji20sDNE%252btLRx9%252fdfBq41p3E4zM%253d>

This independent regulatory standard sets out the requisite crewing and clinical model based on the nature and clinical category of 999 call.

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NAS staff are not employed at or assigned to any hospital. Staff are assigned to a geographical area with an initial assignment to an Ambulance Station which may or may not be located on the grounds of another HSE owned facility.

If an Emergency Ambulance is funded and rostered for 24/7 duty hours, then 11.2 Whole Time Equivalents (WTE) are required to facility both crewing and locum arrangements to facilitate both expected leave and planned abstraction requirements.





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I hope this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

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