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To ask the Minister for Health the number of public defibrillators in each local authority area; and how those numbers compare to 2020, in tabular form. -Ivana Bacik

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Dear Deputy,

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 National Ambulance Service for response.

- By end of year 2020, NAS was notified of the location of 2161 publicly available AEDs.
- To date, the NAS has been notified of a total of 4,312 publicly available automated external defibrillators (AEDs).
- This represents an increase of 2,151 AEDs held on the NAS database since EOY 2020.

Please see Table 1 overleaf for a breakdown of this total by county.

It is important to note that public defibrillators are not provided by the NAS, but when an AED is publically accessible, it can be added to the NAS database, and the location can be made visible to our NAS Emergency Call Takers. In the event of a 112/999 call being made to NAS for a person who may require an AED, if there is an AED available in the vicinity of the incident, the emergency call taker will be able to direct the caller to the AED location so that it can be brought to the patient.

This process is managed by the NAS Community Engagement Team in collaboration with the NAS Informatics Team. While we can provide information on the number of publicly accessible defibrillator locations that NAS has been notified about by county, we would expect that there are considerably more publicly accessible defibrillators in the country than NAS have not been notified about.
More information on notifying the NAS about AED locations can be found here: https://www.nationalambulanceservice.ie/aed/.

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Table 1: Number of Defibrillators notified to the National Ambulance Service by County for the years 2020 and 2025. Following an extensive review and validation of records held by the NAS, there has been a decrease in some areas due to duplications and removal

County	AEDs 2020	AEDs 2025
CARLOW	19	95
CAVAN	4	58
CLARE	56	90
CORK	189	489
DONEGAL	159	271
DUBLIN	70	385
GALWAY	131	231
KERRY	58	194
KILDARE	37	179
KILKENNY	16	70
LAOIS	195	173
LEITRIM	15	45
LIMERICK	22	98
LONGFORD	88	61
LOUTH	205	215
MAYO	76	201
MEATH	77	159
MONAGHAN	49	151
OFFALY	234	199
ROSCOMMON	38	75
SLIGO	16	76
TIPPERARY	60	166
WATERFORD	40	103
WESTMEATH	154	189
WEXFORD	76	165
WICKLOW	77	174
Total	2161	4312

Your sincerely

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