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**PQ 9737/25** – “To ask the Minister for Health the number of doctors on duty on each day of the week in each treatment centre of the D-Doc service in the years of 2024 and to date in 2025; the number of HSE D-Doc vehicles based in each of those treatment centres, in tabular form; and if there are plans to increase the number of those doctors on duty in each of the treatment centres this year” - **Tom Brabazon TD**

Dear Deputy Brabazon,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which 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 Integrated Health Areas for Dublin North County and Dublin North City and West 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 the Dublin North City and County area.

The following table shows the number of doctors, nurses and vehicles present during opening hours in each centre at any one time:

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

Between midnight and 8am, two centres remain open with one doctor in each as follows:

D-DOC GP OOH Service Midnight – 8am			
	Doctors	Nurses	Vehicles
Coolock Primary Care Centre	1	0	1
Hartstown Health Centre	1	0	1

Northdoc Medical Services CLG provide GPs to the DDoc OOH Service in all five centres under a Service Level Agreement with the HSE. During peak times where

demand can be high, e.g. Christmas, Bank Holidays, winter months, an increased number of GPs are rostered in centres with capacity to do so. There are no plans at present to increase the DDoc GP OOH Service in 2025.

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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