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Deputy Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh TD
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To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances, rapid response vehicles and motorcycles on a 24-7 basis based at each ambulance station within Kildare, in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. -Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh

Dear Deputy Ní Raghallaigh

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 Minister for response.

NAS is one of the State's Principal Emergency Services (PES) serving the population of Ireland, i.e., over five million people. An independent demand and capacity analysis conducted in 2022, projected 999 activity to increase by up to 107% over the 10-year period from 2017 to 2027.

Demand via the 999 service has increased by 25% since 2019, with growth in 2024 up by 9% on 2023. The need for additional capacity is a matter of public record https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/debates/debate/committee_of_public_accounts/2021-09-23/3/, whereby it was confirmed by the HSE (CEO and COO) in September 2021, that NAS had a then capacity deficit of 90 emergency ambulance crews daily (1,080 WTE).

The matter was the subject of further public record in February 2023 https://data.oireachtas.ie/ie/oireachtas/committee/dail/33/joint_committee_on_health/submissions/2023/2023-02-22_opening-statement-robert-morton-director-national-ambulance-service-nas_en.pdf following the finalisation of a NAS Workforce Plan 2022-2028 in June 2022, underpinned by an independent demand and capacity analysis, which identified the need for considerable growth in the workforce across the country, both now and into the future (2,579 additional WTE by 2028).

The HSE Pay and Numbers Strategy for 2024 set the WTE Ceiling for NAS at 2,321 WTE which represents a growth of almost 300 WTE since 2019. The WTE Ceiling will increase further in 2025 to 2,655.





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In comparison to NAS, the Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust has 4,079 WTE <https://senedd.wales/media/kradakae/gen-ld16576-e.pdf> to serve 3.1m people (2021 Census), while the Scottish Ambulance Service has 5,837 WTE <https://www.scottishambulance.com/publications/annual-report-and-accounts/> to serve 5.4m people (2022 Census).

The NAS continue to seek additional New Service Development posts through the Estimates process in order to increase its' workforce to serve the growing population and increase in demand for Co. Kildare, the HSE Dublin and Midlands Region, and nationally.

Please note, the number of vehicles available in each location is intended to support the rostering requirements of staff in every base, provide for additional vehicles to support overlapping shifts and ensure scheduled maintenance can occur without impacting on service delivery. Hence, the number of vehicles parked or stationed at any location is not representative of their availability which is dependent on the availability of staff and the dynamic deployment of resources to meet service demand requirements in real time.

The table below details the number of staff currently working in the HSE Dublin and Midlands Region. This cohort of staff are supported through the provision of the following:

- Emergency Ambulance (EA),
- Rapid Response Vehicle (RRV),
- Intermediate Care Vehicle (ICV), and,
- Emergency Motorbike Response Unit (EMRU)

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Dublin and Midlands	282

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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