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To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances which are available on a 24-7 basis at each ambulance station within Donegal in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Charles Ward

Dear Deputy Ward

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 operate a model of dynamic ambulance deployment. This framework aligns with international best practice, and enables the NAS to direct resources preferentially toward high-acuity cases demanding immediate emergency intervention. Dynamic deployment also allows the NAS to categorise non-serious or non-life-threatening calls, and to provide a resource appropriate to the patient's clinical need. This does mean that at particularly busy periods, lower acuity calls will be liable to experience a longer wait for an ambulance, and this has become more of a challenge in recent years with the continuous growth in activity volume.

In response to the above, I am providing you with the average no of EAs currently available per day in the RHA West & North West, which covers Co. Donegal.

DAY	AVERAGE NO OF EA'S 2024	AVERAGE NO OF EA'S 2025	Pathfinder	CP
Monday	17	17	1	1
Tuesday	18	18	1	1
Wednesday	17	17	1	1
Thursday	18	18	1	1
Friday	17	17	1	1
Saturday	19	19	AP Only	1
Sunday	19	19	AP Only	1





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I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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