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To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances which operate out of each ambulance station nationwide on a daily basis, Monday to Sunday; and the breakdown of this on an hourly and daily rota basis. -Martin Daly

Dear Deputy Daly

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.

By way of context, 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, and 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 2023² 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).

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





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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.

The table below details the no. of ambulances (EA's) that operate per RHA on a daily and nightly basis.

	Dublin & North East	Dublin & Midlands	Dublin & South East	South West	Mid West	West & North West
Mon Day	26	33	35	26	16	43
Mon Night	16	15	19	20	13	28
Tue Day	24	32	35	25	16	42
Tue Night	16	15	19	21	12	31
Wed Day	26	31	38	26	16	42
Wed Night	16	17	18	21	12	28
Thur Day	27	32	38	25	17	41
Thur Night	16	18	18	21	12	32
Fri Day	25	32	38	26	15	41
Fri Night	16	17	20	21	13	29
Sat Day	19	26	27	24	13	40
Sat Night	16	19	20	22	14	32
Sun Day	23	28	30	24	13	43
Sun Night	16	18	20	22	13	31

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

William Merriman
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 National Ambulance Service

