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Deputy Conor Sheehan TD
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To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances, rapid response vehicles and motorcycles based at each ambulance station within Limerick which are available to attend emergency calls on a 24-7 basis in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Conor Sheehan

Dear Deputy Sheehan

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.

There are 9 x Emergency Ambulance bases within the Mid West, with 2 x RRV's serving the region along with an Intermediate Care Service, Community Paramedic service, Pathfinder, Alternative Prehospital Pathway Car and a Nursing and Residential Triage Specialist Paramedic (NART).

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

DAY	AVERAGE NO OF EA'S (DAY)	AVERAGE NO OF EA'S (NIGHT)
Monday	5	4
Tuesday	5	4
Wednesday	6	4
Thursday	6	4
Friday	5	4
Saturday	5	5
Sunday	5	4





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The Mid West operate an RRV/paramedic car service from Nenagh and Ennis through dedicated rosters, operating 7 days per week.

There is no Motorbike Unit currently based in the Mid West Region.

NAS continues to seek for New Service Developments to improve services across the Country through the HSE Service Plan on an annual basis. All new development posts are allocated to RHAs based on demand and performance figures at the time of allocation.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Niall Murray
General Manager
National Ambulance Service

