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Deputy Cormac Devlin TD  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

### PQ/5064/24

**To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on a National Ambulance Service base (Loughlinstown), including details, in tabular form, of callouts during the years 2020 - 2023, staffing levels, the number of vehicles attached to the base and an update on any plans to expand the base; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Cormac Devlin**

Dear Deputy Devlin,

NAS report monthly on PURPLE (Echo) and RED (Delta) call activity, category AS1 (life threatening cardiac or respiratory arrest or life threatening other than cardiac or respiratory arrest) calls. Response times per station are not deemed a Key Performance Indicator (KPI) for the Health Information Quality Authority (HIQA), the Department of Health (DoH) or the National Ambulance Service (NAS). Therefore, reporting and publishing of response times on an individual station basis is not a requirement.

The table below details the number of call outs for the period 2020-2023 for the East Region – which includes Loughlinstown.

YEAR	AS1 & AS2
2020	55,152
2021	49,622
2022	53,824
2023	56,490

No of call outs annually – East region

NAS operates a dynamic model of ambulance deployment. This is in line with international best practice and allows the NAS to prioritise resource allocation to the highest acuity calls that require an immediate emergency response. Dynamic deployment also allows the NAS to categorise non-serious or non-life-threatening calls, and to provide a resource appropriate to the patients' clinical need. This does mean that at particularly busy periods lower acuity calls will be liable to experience a longer wait for an ambulance.





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NAS adopts a detailed and analysis based approach focussed on predicting and planning the capacity required into the future to continue to provide high quality, safe and person centred emergency and urgent care services against the background of ever-rising demand.

In response to staffing levels and the no of vehicles based in Loughlinstown, there are currently 35 WTE's approved for Loughlinstown station. There are 6 x Emergency Ambulances and 2 x RRV's attached to the station. However, in line with the dynamic deployment model referred to earlier, there may be several additional vehicles available to respond to calls in the area as required.

There are currently no plans in place to develop the ambulance base at Loughlinstown.

I trust that this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

William Merriman  
Director of Operations  
National Ambulance Service

