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## PQ 3192/24

To ask the Minister for Health the number of public defibrillators in each county. -Ivana Bacik

Dear Deputy Bacik,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) National Ambulance Service (NAS) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The National Ambulance Service invites members of the public to notify us about public defibrillators in their area via: <a href="https://www.nationalambulanceservice.ie/community/aed/">https://www.nationalambulanceservice.ie/community/aed/</a>. This process is managed by the NAS Community Engagement Team in collaboration with the NAS Informatics Team. While we can provide information on the number of public defibrillator locations that NAS has been notified about by county, we would expect that there are considerably more public defibrillators in the country than NAS have been notified about.

It is important to note that public defibrillators are not provided by NAS but we welcome being notified about defibrillator locations, so that we can advise members of the public of these locations in the event of a 112/999 call where the patient is not conscious and not breathing.

As of end January 2024, NAS have been notified about 3,739 publicly available defibrillators. Please see Table 1 for a breakdown of this total by county.

County	Number of defibrillators
CARLOW	84
CAVAN	23
CLARE	89
CORK	368
DONEGAL	236
DUBLIN	258
GALWAY	199
KERRY	175
KILDARE	134
KILKENNY	53





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LAOIS	216
LEITRIM	29
LIMERICK	72
LONGFORD	90
LOUTH	239
MAYO	166
MEATH	120
MONAGHAN	144
OFFALY	253
ROSCOMMON	58
SLIGO	47
TIPPERARY	121
WATERFORD	85
WESTMEATH	197
WEXFORD	133
WICKLOW	150
TOTAL	3739

Table 1: Number of Defibrillators notified to the National Ambulance Service by County as of January 2024

Yours sincerely

William Merriman **Director of Operations** 

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