**Table 1: Reconfiguration of emergency care systems in Ireland**

### Significant Reconfiguration

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<td><strong>South</strong> (Cork and Kerry)</td>
<td>Population: 663,176 Area (km²): 12,161</td>
<td><strong>Regional Reconfiguration</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Region-specific reconfiguration plan largely implemented, beginning 2012-2013&lt;br&gt;• Region-wide clinical governance structures established&lt;br&gt;• Single general practice (GP) out of hours co-operative</td>
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<td><strong>Mid-West</strong> (Limerick, Clare and Tipperary North)</td>
<td>Population: 378,210 Area (km²): 8,252</td>
<td><strong>Regional Reconfiguration</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Region-specific reconfiguration plan largely implemented, 2009 - 2013&lt;br&gt;• Ambulance bypass protocols and region-wide clinical directorates established&lt;br&gt;• Single GP out of hours co-operative</td>
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<td><strong>West</strong> (Galway, Roscommon, Mayo, Leitrim, Sligo, Donegal)</td>
<td>Population: 702,966 Area (km²): 22,649</td>
<td><strong>Regional Reconfiguration</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Clinical directorates established across the region&lt;br&gt;• Several out of hours GP co-operatives</td>
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<td><strong>North East</strong> (Cavan, Meath, Louth and Monaghan)</td>
<td>Population: 440,211 Area (km²): 6,395</td>
<td><strong>Regional Reconfiguration</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Region-specific reconfiguration plan partly implemented from 2006 – 2010&lt;br&gt;• Limited regional clinical governance&lt;br&gt;• Roll-out of general practitioner (GP) out of hours care</td>
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### Regional Reconfiguration

**South East**  
(Dublin South City, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, Wicklow)  
Population: 563,560  
Area (km$^2$): 2,168

- Informal clinical network with shared regional rota for emergency medicine consultants  
- Single GP out of hours co-operative.

**Emergency Department Services Reconfiguration**
- Designated hub for major trauma, and acute coronary care [Waterford: Waterford Regional Hospital – PCI centre supported out of hours by Cork] with ambulance bypass protocols  
- Acute stroke care available at all 4 hospitals  
- No ED in Carlow

### Little reconfiguration

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| Dublin North East  
(Fingal, Dublin North City)  
Population: 578,317  
Area (km$^2$): 532 | Regional Reconfiguration  
- No major changes  
- Out of hours GP co-operative established |  
**Emergency Department Services Reconfiguration**  
- Three large emergency departments with limited governance integration and differentiation of services. PCI Centre established [Dublin North: Mater Hospital] |
| Dublin Midlands  
(Dublin South, Longford, Westmeath, Laois, Offaly, Kildare)  
Population: 761,324  
Area (km$^2$): 8,442 | Regional Reconfiguration  
- Limited integration of clinical governance  
- Several out of hours GP co-operatives operating |  
**Emergency Department Services Reconfiguration**  
- Centralisation of acute stroke [Kildare: Naas General Hospital; Westmeath: Midlands Regional Hospital Mullingar, and Dublin South: Tallaght Hospital] coronary care [Dublin South: Tallaght Hospital] and trauma [Offaly: Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore; Dublin South: Tallaght Hospital] at several hospitals, supported by ambulance bypass protocols  
- No ED in Longford |