

- There is a definite need to act and the tasks the Armed Forces are being asked to perform are clear and defined.
- It is necessary to take this action to reduce patient harm and suffering as a direct consequence of delayed attendance to in-community cases/calls for emergency response creating significant risk to life.
- WAST is currently facing significant levels of demand likely due to the combination of exacerbation of chronic conditions due to the impacts of health service change during the pandemic and rising Covid cases. Forecasts suggest that the winter period, likely to be exacerbated by other seasonal conditions, shows that demand is likely to increase even further. Despite the support currently provided to WAST there remains daily Serious Adverse Incidents being reported where patients are coming to harm or life is sadly lost before WAST can get to them. This manifests itself into harm for patients.
- Whilst the addition of Military support (100) has achieved a near 10% uplift which has a direct benefit for patients, extended and additional military assistance (251) WAST could achieve between 112-120% of its emergency ambulance production.
- The Welsh Government and wider public services lack the necessary capability and capacity to fulfill the tasks. Other options, such as commercial alternatives, have been explored.
- If action is not taken quickly there is a significant risk to life.

18. Estimated total costs are £ I&S

19. Judith Paget is supportive of this request.