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Deputy Róisín Shortall  
Dáil Éireann,  
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**Re: PQ number 60112/22 To ask the Minister for Health the steps that are being taken to ensure that persons are made aware of the risks of respiratory syncytial virus to vulnerable groups, such as babies; the details of the communications campaign; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Shortall,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

The HSE has undertaken an extensive communications campaign to make relevant vulnerable groups and their carers aware of the risk of RSV and the measures that can be taken to stay well this winter.

The HSE has issued general messaging to all staff as well as a very specific and appropriate tailored memo to frontline staff seeing babies eg PHNs and Midwives containing more relevant details.

Please see accompanying document for details of the campaign to date.

If you require any further information or clarification please do contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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