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PQ 61876/22-Deputy Catherine Murphy- To ask the Minister for Health the positions, title and names of the persons currently working in the national foetal valproate syndrome assessment team; if they are geographically based; and the resources allocated to them.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

Thank you for your representation.

As part of the HSE Valproate response project there was consideration given to the development of a national foetal valproate assessment team.

The diagnostic pathway at CHI at Crumlin includes an assessment of each child or young person's needs. Once a child or young person receives a diagnosis of foetal valproate syndrome the Consultant Geneticist at CHI at Crumlin will send correspondence with confirmation of the diagnosis to the Community Healthcare Organisation (CHO) Chief Officer in the area that the patient resides.

This letter will indicate the community support services that are required to support the patient. Each patient is assessed and referred based on their clinical needs. Each of the 9 CHOs have a named FVS liaison officer. This is a role that is assigned by the CHO officer in each area. Once a referral letter is received by the CHO it is shared with the FVS liaison officer who will make contact with the family directly.

I hope this provides you with some assistance.

Yours sincerely

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