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PQ63062/22 Deputy Seán Canney -To ask the Minister for Health the services that are currently available to those diagnosed with foetal valproate spectrum disorder; the way that families can access these services within their communities following a diagnosis; the discussions that have taken place between the HSE and his Department to improve access to services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Canney,

Thank you for your representation.

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.

The team in community primarycare have been engaging with the patient advocacy group in relation to feedback received from families. The team in community primarycare are currently carrying out an evaluation and plan a follow up engagement with advocacy groups in the coming weeks. The HSE provide updates as required to the DoH.

I hope this provides you with some assistance.

Yours sincerely

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