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Deputy Patrick Costello,  
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**PQ 22268/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the names of the foetal valproate syndrome liaison officers in each CHO.**

**- Patrick Costello**

Dear Deputy Costello,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 22268/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Foetal valproate syndrome (FVS) is a recognised clinical condition either because of the presence of congenital malformations, or a developmental disorder, and diagnostic criteria have been developed to assist in identifying it. Where children or adults have been exposed to valproate in utero, there is concern that they may have FVS, either because of the presence of congenital malformations, or a developmental disorder.

To create additional capacity in the service as part of the project, the HSE established a dedicated FVS diagnostic pathway, prioritising patients where there is a referral with a query of FVS. Once a patient receives a diagnosis of FVS, they are then referred to the community to have access to health services that may be required.

Each of the 9 Community Healthcare Organisations (CHOs) have appointed a dedicated liaison officer as a key point of contact to support and coordinate FVS referrals within the CHO. The role of the liaison officer is to receive referrals from the specialist Paediatric Service/Genetics Service to ensure service co-ordination and provision for each individual presenting with a diagnosis of FVS. I am not in a position to provide details of individual names of Liaison Officers due to data protection restrictions, however, I can provide the details of the chief officers in each CHO who they report to as these are available in the public domain.

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I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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