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Leinster House,  
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**PQ Number: 38570/25**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults in the State being supported by Adult Mental Health Services who have a diagnosis of foetal alcohol spectrum disorder for the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Sorca Clarke**

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Dear Deputy Clarke

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a group of disorders caused by prenatal alcohol exposure and are associated with a range of lifelong physical, mental, educational, social, and behavioural difficulties. Alcohol has an adverse effect on the developing brain, and on body organs. There is no safe amount of alcohol use during pregnancy.

The HSE does not currently publish figures on the number of adults being supported by Adult Mental Health Services (AMHS) with a diagnosis of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).

A FASD project within the HSE's 2024 Service Plan is underway, but as yet it has not specified data collection on adult AMHS caseloads.

The HSE has developed a position paper on the prevention of FASD which outlines 14 key actions for the HSE to be achieved within the next 5 years. This includes the development of a model of care for FASD. This body of work is been led by HSE Health and Wellbeing Strategy & Research.

Further information can be found here:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/healthwellbeing/our-priority-programmes/alcohol-programme/hseposition-on-prevention-of-fasd.pdf>



I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

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