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**PQ Ref 41313/25 To ask the Minister for Health the aftercare supports that are available to an individual with a diagnosis of foetal alcohol spectrum disorder; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Rice,

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.

There are no dedicated services for FASD in Ireland. Paediatric, primary care, disability, and mental health services are all involved in the provision of services for children and adults with FASD in Ireland. Access to disability services is based on an individual's needs rather than on their diagnosis. In line with the Progressing Disability Services model, children with complex needs and their families have access to a range of family centred services and supports of their Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) according to their individual needs.

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

Yours sincerely,

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