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Deputy Sherlock
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ Ref 48914/25 To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure that the position of HSE clinical lead on fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) prevention will continue to be funded and filled, pending the retirement of the current clinical lead on FASD prevention; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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.

Since 2018, there has been protected time for a post within HSE Public Health to act as the Clinical Lead for the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). This Clinical Lead chairs the HSE's Expert Advisory Group on the Prevention of FASD and works with the HSE Alcohol Programme to implement the actions within the HSE Position Paper on FASD Prevention:

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

The HSE is committed to continuing to provide clinical leadership for FASD prevention from within HSE Public Health.

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

Yours sincerely,

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