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Deputy Gerry Adams,  
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**PQ 16811/19**

To ask the Minister for Health the cost per patient per year of the traditional blood test strip system of diabetes monitoring

-Gerry Adams

Dear Deputy, Adams,

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

The costs for blood test strip system of diabetes monitoring for 2017 and 2018 (January to November only) is detailed in table one below.

**Table 1: Blood test Strips for Diabetic Monitoring**

Year	General Medical Services			Drugs Payment Scheme			Long Term Illness		
	Total Cost	No. of Unique Patients	Cost Per Patient	Total Cost	No. of Unique Patients	Cost Per Patient	Total Cost	No. of Unique Patients	Cost Per Patient
2017	€7,068,745.22	33,253	€212.57	€642,710.78	3,350	€191.85	€39,552,931.12	97,555	€405.44
2018 (Jan-Nov)	€5,540,436.74	28,633	€193.50	€627,956.49	3,429	€183.13	€38,567,812.98	99,226	€388.69

Please Note the information provided is based on claim data, which has been received by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS) from Community Pharmacists and includes items reimbursed by PCRS only. This data does not capture items dispensed outside of community drug schemes where the prescription has been paid for privately by the patient or patient representative.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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