



**26/04/2019**

**Deputy Gerry Adams,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.**

**PQ 16812/19:**

**To ask the Minister for Health the correct pathway for diabetic patients to access a device (the Dexcom continuous glucose monitor)**

**Gerry Adams**

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Dear Deputy Adams,

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

The HSE's Pricing Agreement for Insulin Pump Therapy was extended on 01.02.19 to include the Dexcom G5 Mobile and G4 Platinum Transmitters. Where a Service User is deemed a suitable candidate for one of the above devices, they will be prescribed by a Consultant Endocrinologist.

All Service Users with Type 1 Diabetes will have eligibility under the Long Term Illness Card Scheme. The device request, accompanied by a letter of clinical justification will be sent to the Service User's Local Health Office where it is reviewed by an Area Medical Officer and approved for funding if appropriate. Wait times may vary depending on local policy and available resources. Once funded, the device is ordered by the Local Health Office and delivered to the Service Users diabetic team, where training will be scheduled and completed.

I hope this information is helpful.

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