



Mr Stephen Donnelly, TD.  
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Leinster House,  
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23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2019

PQ: 29741/19

**To ask the Minister for Health the spend on antibiotics under the primary care reimbursement service in each of years 2016 to 2018, in tabular form -Stephen Donnelly**

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 29741/19), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Details in response to the query outlined in your Parliamentary Question are set out in the table hereunder:

Scheme	Ingredient Cost 2016	Ingredient Cost 2017	Ingredient Cost 2018
GMS	€15,796,625	€14,501,721	€14,543,502
DPS	€2,126,941	€2,007,323	€2,184,798
LTI	€786,010	€834,661	€786,602
High Tech	€8,417,099	€8,078,982	€7,977,888

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.

This data may not capture claims which are under the DPS monthly threshold amount.

The data has been sourced from the Annual Reports 2016 – 2018 inclusive.

(<https://www.sspcrs.ie/portal/annual-reporting/report/annual>)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Kieran Healy', written over a horizontal line.

Kieran Healy  
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service