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To ask the Minister for Health if he will request a report by an organisation (details supplied) be included as part of the HSE one year review to extend the FreeStyle Libre device to all persons with type 1 diabetes; his views of the report findings; if clinical effectiveness and quality of life impact data on patients will be considered as part of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Michael Healy-Michael Healy-Rae

the Diabetes Ireland Survey Report "Users Experience of Flash Glucose Monitoring on Daily Life Experiences

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 26607/19), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE will consider any reputable source of data in its consideration of next steps for reimbursement support of the Freestyle Libre Device. The Health Technology Assessment (HTA) process envisaged in the coming months does allow for patient experience and societal aspects of benefit to be considered. The Diabetes Ireland report would satisfy that criteria.

However, reductions in strip usage are accurately measured through the reimbursement records held in HSE Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS) on a patient specific basis, as notified to the HSE through individual pharmacy claims on a monthly basis.

Yours sincerely,

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