



Mr. Michael McGrath, T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

10th July, 2019

PQ: 27025 /19

To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure the Freestyle Libre device is made available to all persons with type 1 diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Michael McGrath

Dear Deputy McGrath,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 27025/19), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

In line with the recommendations of the Health Technology Assessment Group (HTAG), the Freestyle Libre product was made available on an individualised basis to children and young adults (4-21 years).

It was agreed after twelve months, the situation including historical reimbursement data would be reviewed to inform next steps. PCRS now have 12 months data available, which will be collated in the coming months. The HSE must be satisfied that the expected 'offset' reductions in glucose monitoring ancillaries materialise. Initial review indicates that some persons with diabetes continue to access comparable (if not more) levels of ancillaries in their pharmacy.

The availability of clinical data in the Irish setting would also be useful to inform next steps as that has a bearing on overall cost effectiveness.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran Healy
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service