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PQ: 20927/19

**To ask the Minister for Health his plans to extend the long term illness scheme to include cover for those over 21 years of age that suffer from type 1 diabetes for the use of the FreeStyle Libre device for blood monitoring; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Éamon Ó Cuív**

Dear Deputy Ó Cuív,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 20927/19), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE has agreed in principle to reimburse Freestyle Libre on an individualised basis in line with the recommendations of the Health Technology Assessment Group. Copy attached.

The Health Technology Assessment Group recommended that reimbursement for the device should be considered, subject to certain conditions. The HSE has accepted its recommendations in principle and developed an application suite for hospital clinicians to use when proposing suitable patients for consideration of individual reimbursement support. This application suite went live on 3rd April 2018.

It is confined to children and young adults in the first instance who require multiple dose injections of insulin with a review after twelve months to be satisfied that the expected 'offset' reductions in glucose monitoring ancillaries materialise. This is a key aspect in the costings in the advice note and a key aspect in the positive decision by the HSE.

The HSE is scoping the data monitoring requirements to inform the final review which is not in a position to report until June 2019 after twelve months claiming data has been submitted by pharmacy contractors.

Yours sincerely,

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

Kieran Healy  
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