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Deputy Eamon Scanlon,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 20986/19

To ask the Minister for Health when the medtronic 670g pump will be approved which has potential long-term benefits to type 1 diabetics and significant long-term health cost savings; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-Eamon Scanlon

Dear Deputy Scanlon,

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

Medtronic were invited to tender the latest technology for the most recent pump tender competition. Medtronic did not tender the 670g pump in Ireland. Medtronic only tendered the 640G pump and 2 older models, the X15 and the Veo (which have both now been discontinued). These latter two were excluded as clinicians on the group reported that the devices were obsolete.

The current contract has been awarded and is in the process of being concluded, however, a pricing agreement (including all of the products on the contract) is in place to enable clinicians to prescribe the full range of product. The technology continues to evolve and we are committed to delivering the best available appropriate technology to Irish patients. Delivery must be considered in line with national procurement processes.

Once the contract is in place the HSE will review evolving technology needs and consider adding these to the contracted products.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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