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**To ask the Minister for Health the annual cost of prescription diabetes medications as a percentage of the annual cost of prescription medications including the blood testing strips to the HSE in each of the past three years and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mary Butler**

Dear Deputy Butler,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 40548/19), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

<b>Cost of Diabetes &amp; LTI Medicines</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Total cost of Diabetes Medicines	€113,120,544	€121,911,205	€134,886,314
Total Cost of LTI Medicines	€207,444,771	€221,903,709	€242,694,497

<b>Statistical Analysis of Claims and Payments</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Pharmacist Drugs and Medicines	€945.90m	€915.24m	€919.07m
Pharmacist Fees and Stock Order Mark-Up	€377.95m	€376.96m	€375.20m
Pharmacist High Tech Patient Care Fees	€19.49m	€20.95m	€23.36m

Note:

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. Data relates to claims made under the Long Term Illness scheme for the period 2016 – 2018. Figures for 2019 have not yet been collated. We cannot provide a percentage figure of the annual cost as factors such as prescription charges, DPS deductions etc., would have to be considered. We

have attached overall pharmacy costs which have been sourced from the Statistical Analysis of Claims and Payments for the relevant years.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kieran Healy", written over a horizontal line.

Kieran Healy  
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