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PQ: 42763/19

To ask the Minister for Health the cost in 2018 of providing blood glucose testing strips and basic glucose meters to all diabetes sufferers under the long term illness scheme; and the way in which this would compare to the cost of rolling out FreeStyle Libre or other electronic monitoring systems - Louise O'Reilly.

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 42763/19), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

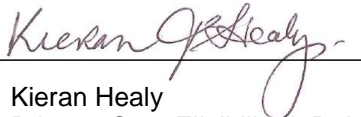
Atc Code	Description	Drug Code	Drug Information	Total
Total			Test Strips	€35,707,621
Atc Code	Description	Drug Code	Drug Information	Total
Total			Sensors	€4,056,163
Atc Code	Description	Drug Code	Drug Information	Total
V04CA93	Blood Glucose 14-Day Sensor	86900	Freestyle Libre Sensor	€1,544,687
Total				€1,544,687

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.
- We have provided the cost of test strips, sensors and Freestyle Libre claims in 2018 as we cannot provide figures for the prospective cost of rolling out Freestyle Libre or other electronic monitoring systems as demographics and patient behaviour will impact on costs.

The HSE does not cover the cost of Glucometers under Schemes but a condition of strip reimbursement is the provision of such meters through HSE Diabetic Clinics.

Yours sincerely,



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Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service