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PQ: 20792/21

To ask the Minister for Health his plans to add iports for children to the long-term illness scheme or otherwise reimburse costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Pearse Doherty

Dear Deputy Doherty,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 20792/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The iPort device is not reimbursed under Community Drug Schemes including the Long-Term Illness (LTI) Scheme. An application for addition to the Reimbursement List was made and not approved in 2015.

This decision followed a review by a HSE Expert Group on the basis of the published literature submitted. Where further information of an acceptable grade published in the literature of added therapeutic benefit in improving glycaemic control is submitted by the company when making a new application, the HSE may reconvene an Expert Group to reconsider the available evidence of added therapeutic benefit. However, it must be highlighted that public health expertise which would necessarily form part of the membership of any such Expert Group is currently consumed with COVID urgencies.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Doyle'.

Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service