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**To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications that have been made to the HSE for access to the FreeStyle Libre flash glucose monitoring devices other than children and young adults 4 to 21 years of age by consultant endocrinologists or a member of their team in each of the years 2017 to 2020; the number of applications that were deemed successful in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Noel Grealish.**

Dear Deputy Grealish,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 5920/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

FreeStyle Libre Flash Glucose Monitoring sensors were made available on an administrative basis to people with Type 1 Diabetes in line with a recommendation accepted by the HSE from the Health Technology Advisory Group from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018. Consultant Endocrinologists may apply to the HSE, on behalf of specific patients, for reimbursement support of Freestyle Libre Flash Glucose Monitoring (FGM) sensors. The application process is undertaken by means of a dedicated online portal, which has been operational since 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018. In line with the recommendations outlined of the Health Technology Assessment Group, access to this product was made available to children and young adults (4 -21 years). However, the application process does cater for the Consultant to make an application in very exceptional circumstances for a type 1 diabetic patient outside of this group.

The following outlines the number of applications from the years 2018-2020 (inclusive) made by a Consultant Endocrinologists or Diabetes Nurse

Specialists through the online portal for those patients who are 22 years and over and the number of applications for these patients that were approved for reimbursement support based on the clinical information provided:

<b>Year</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>No. of Applications for persons 22 years and over</b>	593	756	543
<b>No. of Applications Approved</b>	384	406	266

Yours sincerely,



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