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Deputy David Cullinane,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 15180/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the annual cost of i-ports for children with diabetes; if these costs are reimbursed; if not, if there are plans to add them to the long-term illness scheme or otherwise reimburse them; the estimated annual cost of reimbursing such products; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

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**-David Cullinane**

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

A review of the clinical evidence supporting i-Port usage was conducted in 2015. Further to the recommendation of an Expert Group convened at the time, this product was not approved for reimbursement support under the Statutory Schemes. Therefore, there are no costs arising under the Statutory Schemes for this product.

If robust clinical evidence of an acceptable grade supporting the use of this product in improving glycaemic control is published in peer reviewed journals, the product can be considered again as part of the Autumn Non Drug Review process.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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