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**To ask the Minister for Health the number of funding applications that were received for the long term illness scheme and the primary care reimbursement service for the FreestyleLibre glucose monitoring system; the number of applications that were denied; and the number of denied applications that were for persons over 21 years of age. -Sean Sherlock.**

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 15204/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

FreeStyle Libre Flash Glucose Monitoring (FGM) 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 1st 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 3rd 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.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 inclusive:

- The total number of applications for FreeStyle Libre FGM sensors made through the online system is 5,311.
- The total number of approved applications for FreeStyle Libre FGM sensors is 4,337.
- The total number of rejected application for FreeStyle Libre FGM sensors is 974.
- The total number of rejected application for FreeStyle Libre FGM sensors for those over 21 years of age is 815.

<b>FreeStyle Libre Sensors</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<i>No. of applications received</i>	2,905	1,402	1,004
<i>No. of applications rejected</i>	342	352	280
<i>No. of applications rejected (Over 21 years of age)</i>	205	333	277

Yours sincerely,



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