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**To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to extend the flash glucose FreeStyle Libre device to persons over 21 years of age. -David Cullinane – Due Date 23-09**

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 41540/21), 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. The average cost in 2020 per approved person was €1,095.80.

Against a backdrop of an estimated number of persons with Type 1 Diabetes of 20,000 with 5034 individuals approved for FGM to date, a further number of individuals are also accessing support for their condition through Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) devices which are not funded by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service. The PCRS do not hold the information in respect of number of individuals accessing CGM devices and therefore it is not possible to provide an informed estimate in these circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Suzanne Doyle'.

Suzanne Doyle  
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