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**To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual expenditure change if provision of the CGM continuous glucose monitor devices was replaced with flash glucose monitoring devices, for example, the FreeStyle Libre device. -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 41546/21), 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.

Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) devices are not funded by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service and therefore the PCRS is not in a position to be definitive in respect of total costs involved. There is a National Tender in place through Aids and Appliances for CGM devices and the hospital must apply for funding for those patients where CGM is warranted. The average cost in 2020 for ancillaries used to support the equipment funded through the National Tender was of the order of €1,911.05; the cost of the equipment would be additive to those costs.

Yours sincerely,

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

Suzanne Doyle  
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