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PQ: 44613/21

**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 FreeStyle Libre glucose monitoring system; the number of applications received for persons over 21 years of age; the number of applications approved; the number of applications approved for persons over 21 years of age; the number of applications that were rejected; and the number of applications that were rejected for persons over 21 years of age in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. -Violet-Anne Wynne**

Dear Deputy Wynne,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 44613/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

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         |  |

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| <i>No. of applications rejected (Over 21 years of age)</i> | 205 | 333 | 277 |  |
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From 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 inclusive:  
The number of applications submitted for those over 21 was as follows:

| <b><i>FreeStyle Libre Sensors<br/>(Over 21 years of age)</i></b> | <b>2018</b> | <b>2019</b> | <b>2020</b> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <i>No of applications received</i>                               | 589         | 739         | 543         |
| <i>No. of applications approved</i>                              | 384         | 406         | 266         |
| <i>No. of applications rejected</i>                              | 205         | 333         | 277         |

These are not metrics that are ordinarily captured in our data structures and require bespoke analysis which is resource intensive. The 2021 position will be compiled at the end of the year.

Yours sincerely,



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