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PQ: 45349/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications for FreeStyle Libre submitted by individual hospitals for persons with diabetes over 21 years of age; and the number that were approved and refused respectively, in each of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. -Neasa Hourigan

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 45349/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Data at individual hospital level is not captured for the purposes of approval and reimbursement.

From 3rd April 2018 to 31st December 2020 inclusive:

The number of applications submitted for those over 21 was as follows:

FreeStyle Libre Sensors (Over 21 years of age)	2018	2019	2020
<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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne Doyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service