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**To ask the Minister for Health the number of medications which have been removed from being available for free under a medical card in the past three years; the person or body which decides to remove such medications; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**  
**-Claire Kerrane**

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 45838/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE has not initiated a deletion of any medicine since 2012. Manufacturers under the IPHA agreement have the right to initiate a withdrawal from the Reimbursement List for their own commercial reasons by giving at least three months' notice (when there are generic alternatives) but in any event with twelve months' notice to the HSE.

Please find attached a list of those products withdrawn by the supplier from the Reimbursement List over the last three years. The vast majority do not have any therapeutic impact on patients as there are precise equivalents (same molecule) remaining on the Reimbursement List.

Yours sincerely,

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

Suzanne Doyle  
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