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Deputy Cormac Devlin,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 46154/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the estimated prevalence of type 1 diabetes here; the number of continuous glucose monitoring systems and insulin pumps, respectively in use; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

- Cormac Devlin

Dear Deputy Devlin,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 46154/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

As Ireland does not have a National Diabetes Registry the prevalence figures are estimated based on the Scottish prevalence of diabetes (5.6% of the total census population). The table below outlines the prevalence of type 2 diabetes (87.9% of the total diabetes population) and type 1 diabetes (10.8% of the total diabetes population) based on the Scottish prevalence.

Country	Total (census) population	Total Diabetes Prevalence	Type 2 Diabetes Prevalence	Type 1 Diabetes Prevalence
Scotland	5,424,800	304,375	267,615	32,828
Ireland (estimate)	4,761,865 (CSO, 2016)	266,664	234,398	28,800

Regarding the number of glucose monitoring systems and insulin pumps in use, there has been no national register of insulin pump therapy devices. Therefore, we are unable to provide the figures required at this time.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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