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To ask the Minister for Health if he will ring-fence some of the anticipated 2021 cost savings from the recent HSE Medicines Management Programme preferred blood glucose strips for adults with type 1 and type 2 diabetes evaluation to fund the provision of the FreeStyle Libre flash glucose monitoring system to persons with diabetes over 21 years of age based on clinical need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Marian Harkin

Dear Deputy Harkin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 46641/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The PCRS has been approached by the Diabetes Clinical Programme to progress the allocation of some of the efficiencies arising from the MMP preferred blood glucose strips for funding further priority groups with Type 1 Diabetes. Such a consideration must be balanced with all the exigencies placed on the PCRS to remain within their budget allocation for 2021 and remains under deliberation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Suzanne Doyle'.

Suzanne Doyle  
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