



Róisín Shortall, T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

12th October 2021

PQ: 46963/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications for flash glucose monitoring systems submitted by individual hospitals for persons with diabetes over 21 years of age; the number approved; the number that were refused in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; his plans to remove the age restriction on flash glucose monitoring systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Róisín Shortall

Dear Deputy Shortall,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 46963/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

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

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

FreeStyle Libre Sensors <i>(Over 21 years of age)</i>	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.

Correlating across multiple funding lines (Non approvals to sensor utilisation) are not metrics that are ordinarily captured in our data structures and require bespoke analysis which is

resource intensive which is not available at this time. Approvals for CGM are managed through local Aids and Appliances arrangements'

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 the name.

Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service