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To ask the Minister for Health the number of funding applications received by the long-term illness scheme or the primary care reimbursement service for the FreeStyle libre glucose monitoring system; the number of applications received for persons over 21 years; the number of applications approved; the number of applications approved for persons over 21 years of age; the number of applications that were rejected; and the number of applications that were rejected for persons over 21 years of age in each of the years 2018 to 2021, in tabular form. -Cathal Crowe

Dear Deputy Crowe,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 7255/22), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

FreeStyle Libre Flash Glucose Monitoring (FGM) sensors were made available on an administrative basis to people with Type 1 Diabetes in line with a recommendation accepted by the HSE from the Health Technology Advisory Group from 1st April 2018. Consultant Endocrinologists may apply to the HSE, on behalf of specific patients, for reimbursement support of FreeStyle Libre Flash Glucose Monitoring (FGM) sensors. The application process is undertaken by means of a dedicated online portal, which has been operational since 3rd April 2018. In line with the recommendations outlined of the Health Technology Assessment Group, access to this product was made available to children and young adults (4 -21 years). However, the application process does cater for the Consultant to make an application in very exceptional circumstances for a type 1 diabetic patient outside of this group.

The below table outlines the number of applications from the years 2018-2021 (inclusive) made by a Consultant Endocrinologist or Diabetes Nurse Specialists through the online portal including those who are 22 years and over and the number of applications for these patients that were approved for reimbursement support based on the clinical information provided.

<i>FreeStyle Libre Sensors</i>	2018	2019	2020	2021
<i>No of applications received</i>	2,905	1,402	1,004	1,278
<i>No of applications approved for persons (22 years of age and over)</i>	384	406	266	606
<i>No. of applications rejected</i>	342	352	280	282
<i>No. of applications rejected (22 years of age and over)</i>	205	333	277	278

Yours sincerely,



Suzanne Doyle
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