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Leinster House,
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8th March 2022

PQ: 9169/22

To ask the Minister for Health the details of the authorisation of the FreeStyle Libre flash glucose monitor by CHO and LHO to patients aged under 21 and over 21 years of age, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Cormac Devlin

Dear Deputy Devlin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 9169/22), 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 attached excel file includes pharmacy reported reimbursement data from the years 2018-2021 (inclusive) for approved patients.

Note: The Long Term Illness (LTI) scheme was centralised to PCRS in 2019. There are a number of patients who were approved for LTI eligibility historically by the Local Health Office and whose records do not include their date of birth. The patients are reported separately in the attachment.

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