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PQ: 41618/22

**To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 612 of 5 July 2022, the reason the HSE does not have a mechanism to detail the costs associated with the extension in use of certain drugs to new indications, new uses by way of comparison of diagnostic information data with its reimbursement systems. - David Cullinane.**

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 41618/22), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

We here at the PCRS reimburse medicines on the basis of claims from pharmacies and the legal criteria necessary to be included in a medical prescription. There isn't a legal basis for diagnosis to be included on prescriptions and furthermore we do not have a legal basis to collect diagnostic data other than in very exceptional circumstances.

I hope this clarifies the matter for you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Doyle'.

Suzanne Doyle  
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service