



28th April 2022

Deputy David Cullinane,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 13604/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the details of the authorisation of insulin pumps by CHO and LHO to those under and over 21 years of age in each of the years 2016 to 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 13604/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I can advise that requests for insulin pumps are received from Consultants who are treating patients (adults and children) for Diabetes Mellitus. Requests are approved by the Principal Medical Officer, or a Senior Medical Officer.

Insulin pumps are supplied to eligible patients free of charge. Patients are eligible for this equipment if they hold a Long Term Illness (LTI) card or a Medical Card. All patients with long term Diabetes Mellitus are eligible for the LTI scheme, regardless of means.

The table below outlines the number of insulin pumps authorised over the requested years. You will note it has not proved possible for all Community Healthcare Organisations (CHOs) to provide the information requested. Furthermore, we are not in a position to provide the information in the age cohorts requested.

		Authorisation of Insulin Pumps					
		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CHO 1	Total	Not Available					
CHO 2	Total	12	75	115	200	290	433
CHO 3	Total	30	17	19	59	27	47
CHO 4	Total	72	99	84	133	72	95
CHO 5	Total	18	12	13	31	20	34
CHO 6	Total	26	33	53	103	26	75
CHO 7	Total	73	111	117	194	133	211
CHO 8	Total	Not Available	Not Available	133	468	835	978
CHO 9	Total	24	39	67	199	108	Not Available



Notes: *The figures for CHO 5 pertain to the Waterford region only.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Seán McArt'.

Seán McArt
General Manager Primary Care
National Community Operations