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PQ: 13606/22

To ask the Minister for Health the details of the authorisation of medtronic continuous glucose monitors 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 has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 13606/22), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) devices go through a completely separate funding mechanism locally, not through PCRS. There is a National Tender in place through Aids and Appliances for CGM devices and the hospital must apply for funding for those patients where CGM is warranted. On the basis of this, PCRS cover the ancillary sensor device which is a consumable product to those who are in receipt of CGMs. PCRS do not reimburse equipment.

The number of persons who have been reimbursed for Dexcom (G4/G5/G6) CGM sensors from the period of 2018-2021 (inclusive) and Medtronic Enlite CGM sensors from the period of 2016-2021 is provided in the attached excel documents. Dexcom G4/G5 were added to the Reimbursement List in March 2018. Dexcom G6 sensors were added to the Reimbursement List in October 2019.

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 dark ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Doyle', written over a horizontal line.

Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service