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PQ: 25149/22

**To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost to ensure that all women can access medication for hyperemesis Gravidarium as needed. -Niamh Smyth**

Dear Deputy Smyth,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 25149/22), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Expert opinion from the National Women and Infants Health Programme indicates the number of patients who are treated in the community, without admission to hospital, may be in the region of 5% of the pregnant population. Severe vomiting requiring hospitalisation occurs in less than 1% of all pregnant women and most patients improve within 14 weeks.

The HSE Medicines Management Programme(MMP) assessment for Cariban (doxylamine/pyridoxine) has now been completed and its recommendation is under deliberation with the HSE at present.

Based on the expected percentage of women (5%) who would require assistance with the management of their condition, the annual cost, if the recommendation of the MMP was accepted and implemented by the HSE, would be of the order of €1m.

Yours sincerely,

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

Suzanne Doyle  
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service