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PQ: 54957/22

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of those who were refused access to FreeStyle Libre devices in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Michael Lowry

Dear Deputy Lowry,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 54957/22), 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.

<i>FreeStyle Libre Sensors</i>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 to date
<i>No of applications received</i>	2,905	1,402	1,004	1,278	1225
<i>No. of applications rejected</i>	342	352	280	282	333

The above table outlines the total number of applications and the number of applications rejected from the years 2018-2021 (inclusive) and 2022 to date made by a Consultant Endocrinologist or Diabetes Nurse Specialists through the online application portal.

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
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