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PQ: 56406/22

To ask the Minister for Health the plans that he is putting in place to ensure the availability of the Freestyle Libre 2 device in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Noel Grealish

Dear Deputy Grealish,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 56406/22), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

FreeStyle Libre 1 is intermittently scanned continuous glucose monitoring (isCGM) also known as Flash Glucose Monitoring (FGM). However, FreeStyle Libre 2 is real-time continuous glucose monitoring (rtCGM) also referred to as 'CGM'.

CGM devices for those with Type 1 Diabetes such as FreeStyle Libre 2 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. An application by the Marketing Authorisation Holder for FreeStyle Libre 2 needs to go through the national framework application process and be approved in order for it to be added to the CGM devices available under the tender arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

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

Suzanne Doyle
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