



Mark Ward, T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

14th February 2023

PQ: 4566/23

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a report on the prescribing practices for risperidone, the number of children prescribed the drug, the average prescribed dose; the number of adults prescribed risperidone, the average prescribed dose in each of the past ten years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 4566/23), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Risperidone is available on the Reimbursement List in various strengths and formulations. Products are reimbursed under Community Drug Schemes. The information provided is based on claim data which has been received by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS) from Community Pharmacy Contractors and includes items reimbursed by PCRS only.

This data does not capture items dispensed outside of Community Drug Schemes where the prescription has been paid for privately by the patient/patient representative or claims which are under the DPS monthly threshold amount.

PCRS does not capture data in relation to prescribing practices such as individual dosing regimens, diagnosis or indication for treatment.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Suzanne Doyle'.

Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service