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Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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13th June 2023

PQ: 26091/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of medicines and the level of expenditure in 2022 on exempt medicinal products by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Pádraig O'Sullivan

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 26091/23), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The list of Exempt Medicinal Products assigned an administrative code under Community Drug Schemes was published in September 2016 (enclosed). This list was recently reviewed by the HSE Medicines Management Programme (MMP) and reimbursement support continues on the basis of the unmet clinical need. The revised list with 160 Exempt Medicinal Products, which was effective from 1st March 2023 is enclosed.

The annual ingredient cost under Community Drug Schemes in 2022 for the Exempt Medicinal Products was €13,503,929.

Yours sincerely,

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

Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service