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PQ: 42197/23

To ask the Minister for Health to include the drug ketamine, used for cerebral palsy patients, in the long-term illness scheme.-Brian Stanley

Dear Deputy Stanley,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 42197/23), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Drugs, medicines and non-drug items reimbursable under the Long Term Illness (LTI) scheme are intended for the treatment of the primary condition. Core Lists were developed following detailed consultation with Medical Officers, HSE Pharmacists and the HSE Medicines Management Programme (MMP). The HSE is satisfied that all medicines that should be necessary for the treatment of each primary LTI condition are provided on these Core Lists.

As part of a review of the Core Lists for each LTI condition in 2022, the MMP sought feedback from the relevant clinical programmes to ensure that the lists included all medicines and appliances that should be necessary for the treatment of each primary LTI condition. This review is completed every few years to ensure that the Core Lists reflect current prescribing practices and treatments. In this case there was no request for Ketamine to be considered under the LTI scheme for Cerebral Palsy.

The Core Lists are published online at <https://www2.hse.ie/services/schemes-allowances/lti/approved-medications/>

Yours sincerely,



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