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PQ: 45165/23

To ask the Minister for Health the reason why a report (details supplied) cannot be accepted as part of an LTI application in view of previous reports approved on that basis. - Robert Troy

Details Supplied:

Report from Dr Manoj Parameshwar who is a specialist in Childhood Behavioural Disorders and also the specialist for the VHI Clinic for ADHD. Many of Dr Parameshwar other patients have been approved LTI based on his reports however I am told of a particular application been refused as Dr Manoj Parameshwar is not a consultant child and Adolescent Psychiatrist.

Dear Deputy Troy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 45165/23), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The LTI scheme currently makes provision for the supply without charge of drugs and medicines for under 16 years of age who are suffering from a mental illness of a permanent or long-term nature. At present, the scheme allows for ADHD to be regarded as a mental illness for the purposes of the LTI scheme where all the following conditions are satisfied:

1. The assessment and diagnosis of ADHD (and responsibility for the ongoing care of the patient) is carried out by a Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist.
2. The symptoms of ADHD have been present before the age of 7 years and the condition is persistent and is assessed to be of a permanent or long-term nature.
3. The severity of the symptoms is such that prescribed medicines specifically licensed and authorised by the Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA) is required as part of a comprehensive programme of treatment.
4. The patient remains under 16 years of age.

Therefore, applications submitted and certified by a Consultant Paediatrician does not satisfy eligibility under the LTI scheme for 'Mental Illness under 16' (Illness P).

PCRS does not have the authority to change the certification requirements for LTI eligibility. At present, the diagnosis of ADHD for the purposes of determining eligibility under the LTI scheme for 'Mental Illness under 16' must be certified by a Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist.

The LTI scheme was centralised to PCRS in 2019 providing a uniform approach to the administration of the scheme which previously operated at a local level.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Suzanne Doyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service