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PQ: 37069/24

To ask the Minister for Health if a drug (details supplied) is on the approved list of drugs; if funding is available for it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -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 37069/24), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Medicines are added to the formal Reimbursement List following detailed assessments which include assessment of the clinical evidence, the economic evidence and the budget impact of a decision to reimburse specific indications of a medicine. The Primary Care Reimbursement Service is required to reimburse in line with approved decisions of the HSE and the HSE is required to formally assess each medicines and each specific use of such medicines before reimbursing them.

Pharmaceutical companies are required to submit formal applications if they wish their licensed medicines to be added to the list of reimbursable items.

To date, an application has not been submitted by the marketing authorisation holder for Cinqair® (Reslizumab) 100 mg/10 mL (10 mg/mL) solution in single-use vials to the HSE Corporate Pharmaceutical Unit under the Health (Pricing and Supply of Medical Goods) Act 2013. It is also noted that the product is not licensed by the Health Products Regulatory Agency (HPRA) or the European Medicines Agency (EMA). However, the licensed product in Ireland - Cinqaero® (Reslizumab) 10mg/ml 100mg/10ml Concentrate for solution for infusion vial was provided with a hospital approval on 1 April 2019.

Yours sincerely,



Suzanne Doyle
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The Health Service Executive operates the General Medical Services Scheme, which includes Medical Cards and GP Visit Cards, under the Health Act 1970, as amended. It has established a dedicated contact service for members of the Oireachtas specifically for queries relating to the status of Medical Cards and GP Visit Cards applications, which the Deputy / Senator may wish to use for an earlier response. Tel: 01-8647180 / email: Oireachtas.pcrs@hse.ie