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**To ask the Minister for Health if clonidine will be made available under the long-term illness scheme for persons under 16 years suffering with ADHD; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Liam Quaide**

Dear Deputy Quaide,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 3888/25), 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 2023, 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. In the case of Illness P – Mental Illness (under 16 years), the National Clinical Lead for adults with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) was consulted. This review is completed every few years to ensure that the Core Lists reflect current prescribing practices and treatments.

Clonidine is not available on the Core List for Mental Illness (under 16 years). However, it is available under the GMS (medical card) and Drugs Payment Schemes.

Yours sincerely,

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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](mailto:Oireachtas.pcrs@hse.ie)**