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PQ7453/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of individuals that have been reimbursed for their insulin pump training and/or consumables through the EU treatment abroad or cross-Border healthcare scheme since 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Crowe,

Thank you for your Parliamentary Question referenced above, which has been forwarded to me for direct reply.

In general the **Treatment Abroad Scheme** (TAS) provides for the approval of funding of public patients from Ireland who have been referred by their treating consultants to the public healthcare system of another EU/EEA country, the UK or Switzerland for a treatment which is not available in Ireland. I can confirm that no service users have been approved funding for insulin pump training and/or consumables through the Treatment Abroad Scheme (TAS) during the years 2019 to date.

In general the **Cross Border Directive** (CBD) allows public patients in Ireland to access healthcare in the public or private sector of the EU/EEA which the patient would have been entitled to as a public patient in Ireland. The patient pays for the treatment and claims reimbursement upon return to Ireland. Reimbursement is at the cost of the treatment abroad or the cost in Ireland whichever is the lesser.

Please note under the Cross Border Directive (CBD) and the Northern Ireland Planned Healthcare scheme (NIPHS) data is not collated by procedure or diagnosis as you have requested, rather it is collated by general speciality. Therefore healthcare regarding insulin pump training and/or consumables which may have been sought under the Cross Border Directive (CBD) or the Northern Ireland Planned Healthcare scheme (NIPHS) is not available.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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