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To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in Ireland who access the omnipod tubeless insulin pump and consumables through the HSEs exceptional hardship scheme or have done so since 2018. - Cathal Crowe

Dear Deputy Crowe,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 7454/25), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

For a product to be considered for addition to the Reimbursement List, the company must submit a pricing and reimbursement application to the HSE under the Health (Pricing and Supply of Medical Goods) Act 2013. To date, an application has not been made for Omnipod® 5 by the company to the HSE.

The HSE is aware that the company have not yet launched the product to the Irish market. Omnipod® 5 is being rolled out world-wide on a phased basis due to constraints in manufacturing capacity versus demand and the company do not yet have a timeline for launch in Ireland.

There have been no patient approvals and reimbursement support of Omnipod® and associated ancillaries under Discretionary Hardship Arrangements to date. There are no reimbursement claims under Discretionary Hardship Arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Suzanne Doyle

Primary Care Reimbursement Service

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