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PQ: 14871/25

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of each type of continuous glucose monitor provided to people with Type 1 diabetes, by county, by HSE regional health area, by hospital from 1 December 2023 to 31 December 2024; the total cost the continuous glucose monitors provided, by HSE regional health area, by hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Pádraig Mac Lochlainn**

Dear Deputy Mac Lochlainn,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 14871/25), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) published the rapid Health Technology Assessment of Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) in Adults with Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus on 29th September 2023. The published document can be found at <https://www.hiqa.ie/reports-and-publications/health-technology-assessment/rapid-healthtechnology-assessment-continuous>.

A single reimbursement application system for Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) sensors came into effect on 1st December 2023. Due to the budget impact associated with these, the HSE established a single reimbursement application system for all CGM sensors on the Reimbursement List. This reimbursement application system will apply to any future CGM sensors reimbursed under Community Drug Schemes. Existing patients who accessed the CGM sensor prior to the reimbursement system coming into effect on the 1st December 2023 continue to hold that access.

Currently reimbursement support is available for patients with Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus, in line with Circular 033/23. Clinicians can apply through the secure portal for reimbursement support of CGM sensors to be considered under a person's community drug scheme eligibility.

The attached data provides the number of CGM sensors reimbursed under Community Drug Schemes by local health area from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. Expenditure for this time period is in the region of €63 million.

Reimbursement claims are submitted by Community Pharmacy Contractors and therefore hospital is not captured.

The number of patients accessing CGM sensors continues to increase since the introduction of the reimbursement application system. In December 2024 (latest data available), 19,861 patients accessed a CGM sensor under the Community Drug 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)**

LHO	LHO Description	No of Items	Total Cost
1	Dun Laoghaire	36	€7,234.27
2	Dublin South East	17	€3,902.20
3	Dublin South City	64	€13,562.19
4	Dublin South West	87	€19,518.34
5	Dublin West	55	€12,522.58
6	Kildare / West Wicklow	98	€22,027.09
7	Wicklow	42	€7,937.90
8	Laois / Offaly	80	€15,946.14
9	Longford / Westmeath	176	€29,046.29
10	North West Dublin	45	€8,329.45
11	Dublin North Central	62	€14,469.65
12	North Dublin	152	€31,850.03
13	Cavan / Monaghan	48	€9,737.07
14	Louth	63	€12,029.66
15	Meath	38	€7,227.44
16	Galway	242	€45,965.42
17	Mayo	75	€13,694.21
18	Roscommon	81	€16,334.59
19	Donegal	108	€26,405.48
20	Sligo / Leitrim	73	€14,497.61
21	Clare	27	€4,735.41
22	North Tipp./East Limerick	22	€4,041.69
23	Limerick	70	€14,530.76
24	Cork - South Lee	139	€24,677.22
25	Cork - North Lee	144	€28,141.71
26	West Cork	77	€18,634.35
27	Kerry	100	€15,873.29
28	North Cork	17	€2,291.98
29	Carlow/Kilkenny	67	€14,374.34
30	Waterford	41	€10,080.60
31	South Tipperary	75	€14,729.97
32	Wexford	116	€17,057.14
Total		2,537	€501,406.07

LTI - The total Number and Cost for continuous glucose monitor for 1st December 2023 to 31st Decemeber 2024

LHO	LHO Description	No of Items	Total Cost
1	Dun Laoghaire	6,576	€1,709,765.93
2	Dublin South East	9,044	€2,360,440.68
3	Dublin South City	7,262	€1,854,552.58
4	Dublin South West	6,789	€1,669,130.45
5	Dublin West	7,398	€1,863,255.38
6	Kildare / West Wicklow	14,189	€3,657,264.68
7	Wicklow	8,168	€2,106,412.86
8	Laois / Offaly	8,746	€2,201,027.08
9	Longford / Westmeath	8,062	€1,896,695.46
10	North West Dublin	8,814	€2,173,939.80
11	Dublin North Central	5,753	€1,447,659.36
12	North Dublin	13,490	€3,425,323.10
13	Cavan / Monaghan	5,887	€1,352,614.39
14	Louth	7,256	€1,903,774.87
15	Meath	10,659	€2,675,062.96
16	Galway	13,926	€3,386,939.96
17	Mayo	7,389	€1,720,467.00
18	Roscommon	3,395	€827,037.86
19	Donegal	8,793	€2,012,079.06
20	Sligo / Leitrim	5,527	€1,312,590.04
21	Clare	6,228	€1,358,566.72
22	North Tipp./East Limerick	3,205	€739,847.49
23	Limerick	10,326	€2,442,665.75
24	Cork - South Lee	10,347	€2,465,576.89
25	Cork - North Lee	10,362	€2,483,063.79
26	West Cork	3,679	€868,523.10
27	Kerry	10,103	€1,996,602.33
28	North Cork	4,668	€1,088,457.84
29	Carlow/Kilkenny	6,069	€1,582,976.57
30	Waterford	7,050	€1,784,227.02
31	South Tipperary	6,339	€1,421,719.77
32	Wexford	9,280	€2,321,796.05
Total		254,779	€62,110,056.82

DPS - The total Number and Cost for continuous glucose monitor for 1st December 2023 to 31st Decemeber 2024

LHO	LHO Description	No of Items	Total Cost
1	Dun Laoghaire	4	€935.42
2	Dublin South East	32	€9,938.44
3	Dublin South City	12	€3,128.54
4	Dublin South West	2	€510.46
5	Dublin West	5	€1,036.11
6	Kildare / West Wicklow	15	€4,488.29
7	Wicklow	1	€257.07
8	Laois / Offaly	1	€310.58
9	Longford / Westmeath	11	€2,867.79
10	North West Dublin	1	€613.16
11	Dublin North Central	12	€3,132.22
12	North Dublin	14	€3,736.78
14	Louth	10	€2,249.09
15	Meath	8	€2,049.83
16	Galway	26	€5,866.58
18	Roscommon	1	€112.55
19	Donegal	22	€5,772.50
20	Sligo / Leitrim	38	€9,833.94
21	Clare	6	€895.44
23	Limerick	10	€2,744.17
24	Cork - South Lee	22	€5,487.67
27	Kerry	5	€301.35
28	North Cork	1	€257.07
29	Carlow/Kilkenny	5	€2,049.81
30	Waterford	17	€4,025.82
31	South Tipperary	1	€113.78
32	Wexford	16	€4,103.96
Total		298	€76,818.42