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**To ask the Minister for Health the number of each type of continuous glucose monitors 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 cost of the continuous glucose monitors provided, by HSE regional health area, by hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Cormac Devlin**

Dear Deputy Devlin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 22515/25), 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,

Suzanne Doyle  
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