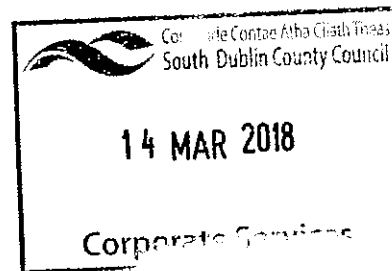




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Mr Colm Murphy
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Dear Mr Murphy

Thank you for your recent letter concerning Motion Agreed at Meeting of South Dublin County Council held on 12th February 2018 - Freestyle Libre (Ref: M11/0218).

The HSE has statutory responsibility for decisions on pricing and reimbursement of medical devices in the community drug schemes, in accordance with the Health (Pricing and Supply of Medical Goods) Act 2013.

In 2017 an application by the manufacturer was submitted to the HSE for the reimbursement of the FreeStyle Libre flash glucose monitoring system. The HSE's Health Technology Assessment Group (HTAG) carried out an appraisal of the evidence submitted with this application taking into account clinical effectiveness, safety and budget impact of the Freestyle Libre System compared with current glucose monitoring methods for people aged 4 years and over with diabetes mellitus who use multiple daily injections of insulin. It recommended that reimbursement for the device should be considered, subject to certain conditions. The Advice Note published by the HTAG has been published and is available online,

www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/healthwellbeing/htag/publications/advice-note-freestyle-libre.pdf

The HSE has accepted its recommendations in principle and will be developing an application suite for hospital clinicians to use when proposing suitable patients for consideration of individual reimbursement support. Further information on the provision of the devices is not currently available. The HSE has indicated that it will take some months to build such an application suite for reimbursement support.



In accordance with the recommendations of the HTAG, this will be confined to children and young adults who require multiple daily injections of insulin in the first instance, with a review after twelve months.

I hope this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Harris', written in a cursive style.

Simon Harris T.D.
Minister for Health