



14th November 2023

Mr Alan Dillon, TD,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 48669/23 To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm whether individuals with type 1 diabetes who are public patients can access insulin pump technology and continuous glucose monitoring equipment through the EU Treatment Abroad Scheme in the United Kingdom; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 48670/23 To ask the Minister for Health if, regarding the availability of treatment for type 1 diabetes in Ireland, he will explain the role of the EU Cross Border Directive in facilitating reimbursements for patients seeking automatic insulin pump technology treatment abroad, especially when such treatment is available in their home Member State; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Dillon,

Thank you for your parliamentary questions referenced above, which have been forwarded to me for direct reply.

In general the Cross Border Directive (CBD) allows public patients to access healthcare in another EU/EEA country which they are entitled to access in Ireland. The patient pays for the treatment up front and claims reimbursement upon return to Ireland. Reimbursement is at the cost of the treatment abroad or the cost of the treatment in Ireland, whichever is the lesser.

Public patient pathways as they apply to accessing the healthcare in Ireland equally apply to accessing the healthcare abroad under the CBD. If a patient has any question they may contact the National Contact Point via email crossborderdirective@hse.ie or telephone 056 77 84546. Patients are also welcome to call to the National Contact Point office which is located Seville Lodge, Callan Road, Kilkenny.

If there is a particular service user requiring specific information relating to their needs, the manager of the service can make direct contact in order to provide clarity, once the contact details are made available to us.



Office of the National Director National Schemes and Reimbursement,

Dr. Steevens' Hospital,

Dublin 8, D08 W2A8.

I hope the above information addresses your query but please to not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Walsh".

David Walsh
National Director
National Schemes & Reimbursement