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PQ: 43931/24

To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 707 of 11 June 2024, if the HSE pricing and reimbursement application process with regard to the drugs payment scheme has been completed; if melatonin will now be covered under the scheme and the justification if not; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Seán 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 43931/24), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The rapid review outcome recommends that a full Health Technology Assessment (HTA) is recommended to assess the clinical effectiveness and cost effectiveness of prolonged release melatonin (Slenyto®) compared to the current standard of care. However, to date the company have not made a HTA submission to the NCPE for assessment.

[Melatonin \(Slenyto®\). HTA ID: 22048 | National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics](#)

The position remains that a submission of a completed HTA dossier to the NCPE is required to progress this application, as per the formal processes governing the pricing and reimbursement of medicines.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Doyle'.

Suzanne Doyle

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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