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PQ: 37300/24

To ask the Minister for Health if a contraception drug (Lizinna) is available on the free contraception scheme for women under 35 years; and if not, whether he will add it to the list to allow those who must take that drug avail of it. -Sean Sherlock

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 37300/24), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Free Contraception Scheme allows for contraceptive products on the Reimbursement List to be provided free of charge. The scheme is currently available to those aged 17 to 35 years of age.

The list of reimbursable items is published at <https://www.sspcrs.ie/druglist/pub>.

Lizzina 250 mcg/ 35 mcg tablets is not licensed in Ireland by the Health Products Regulatory Authority and therefore is not on the formal Reimbursement List. Only licensed medicinal products are added to the Reimbursement List in line with the processes set down under the Health (Pricing and Supply of Medical Goods) Act 2013 following a pricing and reimbursement application by the Marketing Authorisation Holder to the HSE.

Yours sincerely,

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

Suzanne Doyle

Primary Care Reimbursement Service

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