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Guide to the Long Term Illness (LTI) Scheme

Dear Pharmacists.

I refer to Circular No. 2/17, which was issued in February 2017.

Please find enclosed a small supply of a new pamphlet - **Guide to the Long Term Illness (LTI)_Scheme**. Being registered on the LTI scheme enables patients to obtain approved prescribed medicines, free of charge, for the treatment of their specified long term illness or disability.

Patients with any of the following medical conditions should register on the LTI scheme immediately following a diagnosis:

- Acute Leukaemia
- Intellectual Disability*
- Cerebral Palsy
- Mental Illness (in a person under 16)
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Diabetes Insipidus
- Muscular Dystrophies
- Diabetes Mellitus
- Parkinsonism
- Epilepsy
- Phenylketonuria
- Haemophilia
- Spina Bifida
- Hydrocephalus
- Conditions arising from the use of Thalidomide

Your assistance in making patients aware of the benefits of the LTI scheme is critical in raising their awareness of this entitlement. Detailed information, including an application form and contact details for local health offices where patients can register on the LTI scheme are available at: www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/1/schemes/lti/

Thank you for your co-operation and assistance on this matter, which is appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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*Note: Described as Mental Handicap in legislation

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