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Deputy Michael McNamara,
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RE PQ 38027/20

Question

To ask the Minister for Health when a tendering process was last carried out for the provision of prefilled packs that are provided to pharmacies for distribution to drug users as part of needle exchange programme; when the contract for the provision of the said goods expired; when the next tendering process will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Michael McNamara

Response

Deputy McNamara,

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

I am pleased to advise the Deputy that preparations for the publication of a competitive tender process had commenced for the provision of prefilled packs that are provided to pharmacies for distribution to drug users as part of needle exchange programme at the start of this year. These preparations have however been interrupted by the onset of Covid-19 which necessitated the deployment of all HSE Procurement Officers to source essential equipment, supplies and services required across the health and social services. It is intended that the tender competition for this service will be published on the Government eTenders website WWW.etenders.gov.ie in Q1 2021.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Head of Procurement on (01) 635 2688 or via ohop@hse.ie.

Yours sincerely,

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