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**PQ 5987/21 (121) To ask the Minister for Health the details of the requirements for pharmacists who participate in the administration of the Covid-19 vaccine; if those whose CPR training is not up to date can self-declare; if provisions have been made to supply them with additional adrenaline autoinjectors for use in the event of adverse reactions; if consideration has been given to the disposal of items used during or as a consequence of the administration programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Browne

As part of the roll out of the COVID vaccination programme there is a comprehensive education and training programme. This training programme will include the need to ensure that relevant vaccinators have CPR training within an appropriate timeframe and if not that there are options provided to undertake this training. All relevant stock, including consumables and the disposal of items form part of the vaccination set up in areas,

In the hospitals the pharmacists have not acted as vaccinators. The availability of anaphylaxis kits and disposal of waste from hospital vaccination clinics is an integrated part of hospitals' functioning and is not specific to a professional cohort.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely

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