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PQ/21/15969 - To ask the Minister for Health the processes and facilities in place to properly dispose of syringes and other medical and biohazardous waste arising from the national Covid-19 vaccination programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Neasa Hourigan

Deputy Hourigan,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your representation in relation to the COVID-19 Vaccine rollout and I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The pathways for disposal of sharps and other waste arising from the national Covid-19 vaccination programme is in accordance with the appropriate regulations. The HSE provides lockable sharps containers to each vaccination location and these are subsequently disposed of by the existing clinical waste companies. Arrangements have been made for the collection of clinical waste also directly from the vaccination clinics.

All service providers appointed by the HSE hold the relevant licenses for the disposal of clinical waste.

I trust that the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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