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**PQ Number: 25280/23**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of pharmacy needle exchange facilities, by CHO.**

Dear Deputy Gould,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

The attached table lists the number of Pharmacy Needle Exchanges per CHO area at the end of 2022.

Community Pharmacy Needle Exchange services do not operate in the Greater Dublin Area. Patients can identify pharmacies taking part by the international needle exchange logo on their shopfronts.



I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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Prof Eamon Keenan  
National Clinical Lead - Addiction Services

The number of Pharmacy Needle Exchanges per CHO area at the end of 2022

CHO Area	Number
CHO 1	9
CHO 2	10
CHO 3	12
CHO 4	16
CHO 5	14
CHO 8	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>