



Risk Assessment Form

Division: Social Care Midlands Louth Meath		Source of Risk: Risk Assessment on Sharps		
HG/CHO/NAS/Function: CHO 8		Primary Impact Category: Harm to Person/ Compliance/Service User Experience		
Hospital Site/Service: DDrogheda Service for Older People				
Dept/Service Site: The Village Residence		Name of Risk Owner (BLOCKS): SEAMUS MC CAUL		
Date of Assessment: 21/09/2023		Signature of Risk Owner:		
Unique ID No: RA21		Risk Co-Ordinator: Andrea Drooly		
		*Risk Assessor (s): Leena Varghese		
**HAZARD & RISK DESCRIPTION	EXISTING CONTROL MEASURES	ADDITIONAL CONTROLS REQUIRED	ACTION OWNER (i.e. the Person responsible for the action)	DUE DATE
<p>Hazard: Potential Exposure from contaminated sharps due to direct patient care</p> <p>Risk: Injury to Staff/ Service User, Needle stick injury from contact with the sharp</p>	<p>Policy on the Prevention of Sharps Injury 2016.</p> <p>Policy to be localised for effective implementation.</p> <p>Staff receive training in line with core infection, prevention & control knowledge skills, A framework document 2015.</p> <p>Sharps bins are stored with the temporary closure in place when not in use</p> <p>Sharps bins stored in a secure area to prevent unauthorised access.</p>		<p>Staff Nurses</p> <p>ADON</p> <p>PIC</p>	Sept 2024



<p>Immunisation programme for Hepatitis B Vaccination is offered free of charge to all relevant employees</p> <p>Guidelines for emergency Management of Injuries are followed in the event of an injury.</p> <p>Sharps bins suitable in size and shape are available for the disposal of sharps at the site of use.</p> <p>Posters for safe use of sharps on display</p> <p>Resheathing of needles is prohibited</p> <p>New empty sharps bins to be stored in cabinets or storage areas</p> <p>Needle safe system to be in place</p> <p>PPE to be used where required</p> <p>Sharps audit to be completed at least annually</p> <p>Ongoing training, monitoring, supervision and auditing</p>					
INITIAL RISK			Risk Status		
Likelihood	Impact	Initial Risk Rating	Open	Monitor	Closed
2	3	9	yes	yes	



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***Risk Assessor to be recorded for OSH risks only.**

****Where the risk being assessed relates to an OSH risk please ensure that the HAZARD and associated risk are recorded on the form. All other risk assessments require a risk description only.**