

**QUESTION NO 3**

**By Councillor Caldwell for answer by the Vice-Convenor of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board at a meeting of the Council on 26 September 2024**

I understand that residents are in some instances advised by the Council that pharmacies across Edinburgh can take and dispose of sharps, but a very large number of (mostly independent) pharmacies have recently ceased this due to contractual changes between NHS Lothian and third parties.

**Question**           **(1)** Does the Vice Chair agree that pharmacies remain integral parts of many communities across Edinburgh, and that the Council must continue work constructively with them to serve residents' public health?

**Answer**           **(1)**

**Question**           **(2)** What representations can the Vice Chair make both to partners on the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board, such as NHS Lothian, and more widely, Public Health Scotland, to resolve the situation?

**Answer**           **(2)**

**Question**           **(3)** Does the Council keep a list of the pharmacies that are still currently collecting disposed sharps and if so, how often is that information updated?

**Answer**           **(3)**