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Dear Ilora,

I am writing following the Parliamentary Question asked by Baroness Rawlings on 16 December on what plans the Government have to include (1) first aid training, and (2) home nursing, as core parts of the school curriculum.

I'd like to thank you for your question and write to you further on adrenaline autoinjectors in schools and teaching about stab injuries.

The statutory curriculum for Health Education covers content about allergies, and specifically in the Health and Prevention topic. For example, primary pupils are taught the facts and science relating to allergies, including common and severe allergic symptoms. Within the basic first aid topic, primary pupils are taught the concepts of basic first-aid including the importance of calling Emergency Services immediately if they suspect someone is having a severe allergic reaction. Pupils are also taught about the purpose of adrenaline auto-injectors, and the importance of carrying and knowing how to use it if one has been prescribed.

Pupils are also taught how to deal with bleeding in the first aid topic. This includes applying pressure, dressing wounds and calling the emergency services if bleeding does not stop.

As with other aspects of the curriculum, schools have flexibility over how they deliver these subjects.

I hope this answer has been useful and I will place a copy in the House Libraries.

Yours sincerely,

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