

BROKEN NEEDLES

Broken Needles are rare however the following provides a guide to possible options

Needle breaks	
If the metal piece is still visible	
	Restrain the pig immediately with a nose snare and remove
If the metal piece is inside the pig and not visible	
Immediate action	
1	Mark the pig with a numbered ear tag
2	Record date and identity in the medicine book
Possible future options	
The animal is to be retained as breeding stock	
1	The animal will not be suitable for human consumption
2	Ensure the animal tag is correctly placed
3	Check the animal's health regularly
4	Check the tag regularly and replace if necessary
5	If a different tag number is used, record new number
6	Once the animal's breeding life is finished the animal must not go to slaughter for human consumption
The reason is that pieces of metal move inside the body and within weeks it will move from the injection site (i.e. neck) to any part of the body	
The pig can be slaughtered within 7 days	
1	Send to slaughterhouse
2	Together with an owner declaration for casualty slaughter
3	Advise the slaughterhouse on the injection site
The pig will be finished for home consumption	
	The pig once finished must not be sold
The pig cannot be slaughtered within 7 days, has no breeding future and cannot be used for home consumption	
	Euthanase

Dispose of all needles, syringes and containers according to legal requirements