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The Rt Hon Kemi Badenoch MP
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Dear Minister

I am writing to ask for an update on when the Government will introduce a legislative ban on so-called 'conversion therapy' practices.

The Government [included](#) plans to ban these practices in the 2021 Queen's Speech, and held a [consultation](#) to help develop legislation from October 2021 to February 2022. A Conversion Therapy Bill was then included in the 2022 Queen's Speech.

However, despite the Government's commitments, legislation to implement a ban has not been introduced, and was not included in the 2023 King's Speech, which set out the Government's legislative programme for the remainder of this Parliament.

The Government's failure to bring forward this legislation will be a serious disappointment to the many thousands of people who have signed petitions calling for a ban on these practices.

I would be grateful if you could provide me with an urgent update on the Government's plans for a ban by Wednesday 6 December, so that the Committee can update petitioners.

Yours sincerely

Cat Smith MP
Chair of the Petitions Committee