



Health and Social Care Committee

Monday, 14 July 2025

Subject: Progress Toward Eliminating New HIV Transmissions by 2030

Dear Minister,

I am writing on behalf of the Health and Social Care Committee to request an update on the Government's progress toward its commitment to eliminate new HIV transmissions in England by 2030, and on the interim target of achieving an 80% reduction by 2025.

We welcome the Government's continued investment in HIV prevention and testing, including the expansion of opt-out testing in high-prevalence areas and the updated provided in the most recent HIV Action Plan update.

However, while the reduction in diagnoses from 2005 to 2021 was welcome progress this trend has been reversing in recent years with 6,512 HIV diagnoses being made in the UK (excluding Northern Ireland), a 46% rise from 2022. Diagnoses increased by 7% in gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men, a reversal of the declines seen in recent years. There has also been a substantial increase in diagnoses amongst heterosexual men and women (32%). People from ethnic minorities from both these groups were disproportionately impacted, with new diagnoses rising fastest in these groups.

Given this it seems highly unlikely that the Government will hit its 80% reduction in new HIV infections in England by 2025.¹ The Terrence Higgins Trust has also highlighted the need for more robust data collection and targeted interventions to address disparities in access to testing and treatment.²

In light of this alarming reversal of progress, the Committee is requesting that you provide an urgent update on the steps being taken address rising diagnosis rates, including:

- An updated assessment of progress toward the 80% reduction target by 2025.
- Details of any additional measures being considered to address disparities in testing and diagnosis rates across different regions and demographic groups.

¹ Terrance Higgins Trust, [HIV statistics](#)

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- When the Government intends to publish an updated HIV Action Plan, which we understand is due in Summer this year?

We would appreciate a response by 10 July, to inform our ongoing scrutiny of public health policy and outcomes.

Yours sincerely,

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