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Foreword



Baroness Hussein-Ece

The global health crisis created by the Covid-19 pandemic and successive lockdowns over the past couple of years along with the reduction in UK Official Development Assistance (ODA) from 0.7% of gross national income (GNI) to 0.5% of GNI in November 2020 continue to impact Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) programmes and women and girls globally.

Since I took up the Co-Chairmanship of the APPG on Population, Development and Reproductive Health alongside Baroness Sugg and Pauline Latham MP in January 2021, we have worked hard with SRHR stakeholders to make the case towards the reinstatement of 0.7% and a return and increase to SRHR funding via Parliamentary Questions (PQ), debates, letter writing and conversations with Ministers.

I am pleased to see the focus on women and girls in the recent International Development Strategy, the focus on universal access to SRHR in the recent 'Ending preventable deaths of mothers, babies and children by 2030' approach paper and the promise from our Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office that they will restore aid funding for women and girls and indeed some funding has been restored to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and MSI Reproductive Choices (MSI) already, but we are still pressing for the full details of what this restoration of funding will mean.

We look forward to the upcoming Women and Girls' strategy and want to see in this a full recognition of the importance of SRHR across the UK's development work, which we highlighted in our latest APPG on PDRH report on Girls' Education and SRHR published June 2021.

Here in the UK members have been active on the Domestic Abuse Bill which finally passed and received Royal Assent on 29th April 2021, this act aims to provide further protections to the millions of people who experience domestic abuse, as well as strengthen measures to tackle perpetrators.

The Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill that has been tabled numerous times, following the APPG on PDRH publication: 'A Childhood Lost' in 2012, finally passed and received Royal Assent on 28th April 2022, ensuring that no child resident in England and Wales can be married. A long battle finally won with repeated efforts from APPG on PDRH Co-chairs.

Baroness Sugg's amendment to ban virginity testing and hymenoplasty in the Health and Care Bill, is another success for women and girls and received Royal Assent on 28th April 2022, so women and girls will no longer be subjected to these abusive and harmful practices.

In June 2022 Roe v Wade was overturned, which will have a devastating impact on women in the United States and across the world.

In the UK we have however had some progress on abortion, with the successful campaign to keep telemedical early abortion services as an option for women. This saw the biggest change to abortion care in England since the 1967 Abortion Act and a huge win for pro-choice campaigners and women and girls in England.

Whilst the Abortion (Northern Ireland) Regulations came into force in 2021, it is still not implemented, so work must continue, as must the campaign on buffer zones around abortion clinics - to stop women and girls being harassed at a difficult time.

The Roe v Wade ruling has made it clear that we cannot be complacent about the rights of women and girls around the world, including the UK. We need the UK to truly put the rights of women and girls at the centre of their foreign and development policy and use our voice on the world stage to champion this cause.

APPG on PDRH members will ensure that the new Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary will hear this message loud and clear. As much as we recognise that there have been huge challenges, and they remain, we have had successes and it is important to celebrate them. The SRHR community is strong and must remain so.

The APPG on PDRH will do all we can to achieve the universal access to SRHR services that we all want to see.

In 2022 - 2023, the APPG on PDRH will continue to scrutinise, monitor and hold the UK Government to account for their political and financial commitments to SRHR through Private Members' Bills (PMB), PQs, debates, conferences, meetings, letter writing and media activities.

We hope to see the UK Government restore ODA to 0.7% of GNI as soon as possible with an initial 4% to SRHR increasing to 10% and we will continue to encourage this through our parliamentary advocacy and other efforts.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hussein-Ece', written in a cursive style.

Baroness Hussein-Ece
Co-Chair, UK APPG on PDRH

APPG on PDRH Committee Members and Staff

The APPG on PDRH has around 80 members from all parties and both Houses. There are 18 committee members.

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New APPG on PDRH members

The APPG on PDRH updated its parliamentary recruitment leaflet this year. Virendra Sharma MP sent the leaflet with a letter inviting 50 Labour MPs to join the APPG on PDRH in December 2021.

Pauline Latham MP and Baroness Hussain-Ece are sending the leaflet with similar letters to Conservative and Liberal Democrat members this autumn 2022.

In December 2021 the APPG on PDRH contacted the Interparliamentary Union UK (IPU) and the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), inquiring about co-organising events in the UK Parliament on topical Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) issues to raise SRHR with visiting parliamentarians and support the recruitment of new APPG on PDRH members.

In March 2022 the APPG on PDRH were invited to host an APPG stall at Care International's International Women's Day (IWD) event in the House of Lords (HoL) as a recruitment drive. An APPG banner was erected and APPG on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), APPG on HIV/AIDS and APPG on PDRH displayed reports, leaflets and campaign material for parliamentarians to pick up. 27 UK parliamentarians attended the event and APPG staff highlighted the advantages of becoming members of APPGs.



MPs visiting the APPG stall, HoL

In spring 2022, as part of the recruitment drive, invitations were disseminated to UK MPs and targeted Peers, inviting them to participate in the forthcoming APPG on PDRH study tour to Uganda jointly organised with MSI and IPPF, 28th May – 2nd June 2022.

Please find attached the list of members that attended the event at appendix 1

Anthony Mangnall MP

Anthony Mangnall has been the Conservative MP for Totnes in Devon since 2019. He previously worked in the shipping industry, travelling extensively throughout Asia and Africa. In 2016 became senior adviser to Lord Hague of Richmond and spent two years working on the Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative (PSVI). He is now chair of the APPG on Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative and has been outspoken in opposing cuts to UK Official Development Assistance (ODA). In 2020 he co-authored a paper for the One Nation Conservatives exploring how to spend aid more effectively. Since 2020 he has sat on the International Trade Select Committee and in March 2022 he became an ambassador for The Halo Trust, a humanitarian Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) which protects lives and restores livelihoods of people affected by conflict.

APPG on PDRH Aims and Objectives

Aims

To ensure the full implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Programme of Action (PoA), with specific reference to stabilising the world's population through ensuring choice and sustainable development (SD).

Objectives

- To raise the profile of population and SRHR, including family planning, in Parliament and internationally.
- To provide parliamentary backing to the Foreign and Development Secretary in her/his negotiations with the Treasury, in order to return UK ODA to 0.7% of gross national income GNI and increase the allocations to the ICPD PoA to 10% of ODA.
- To keep under review population trends and SRHR programmes/policies/legislation nationally and internationally.
- To assess how the UK might respond to requests from outside for support (in consultation with UK Government departments, international agencies, foundations and NGOs) and to press for action by Parliament and the UK Government.
- To study the results of research into the causes and consequences of population changes and the effect that access to comprehensive SRHR services has on population and draw these to the attention of both Houses of Parliament.
- To increase awareness of the interdependence between countries, with reference to poverty reduction, women's equality, access to SRHR services, environment, consumption and pollution and the impact of legislation, policies and practices of one country upon others.

Parliamentary Activities

APPG on PDRH Committee Meetings

The APPG on PDRH held five committee meetings this year on the dates set out below, with one attached to the annual general meeting (AGM).

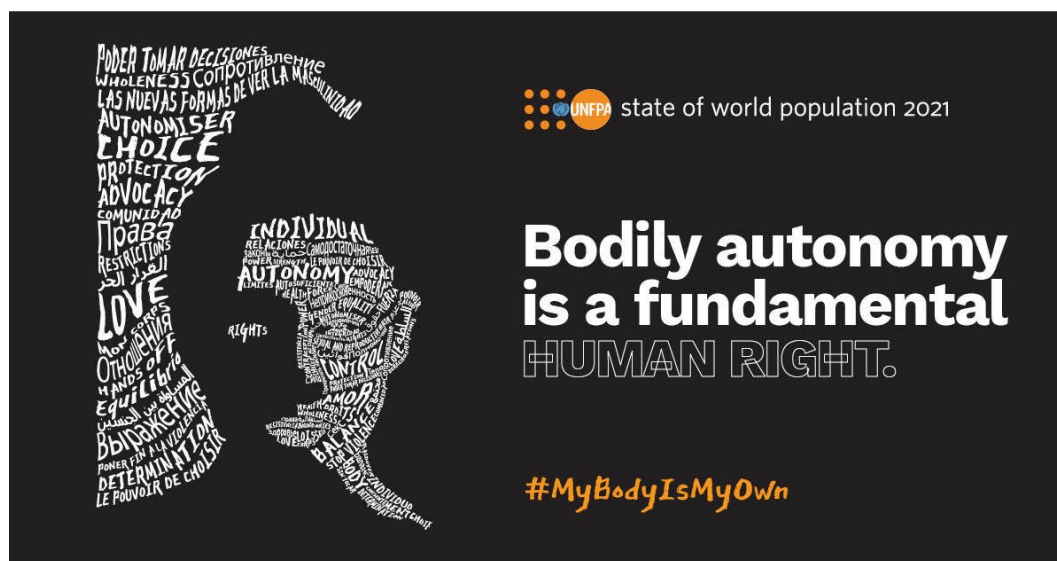
- 17th May 2021 committee meeting (virtual)
- 19th July 2021 committee and AGM meetings (virtual)
- 18th October 2021 committee meeting (in-person)
- 13th December 2021 committee meeting (hybrid)
- 21st March 2022 committee meeting (hybrid)

Please find agendas and committee meeting minutes enclosed at appendix 2

APPG on PDRH SRHR Briefing Meetings

The UK Covid-19 parliamentary restrictions continued this year, which resulted in numerous events either being cancelled or postponed and some being held virtually. Sadly, the annual World Population Day reception organised for 17th July 2021 held in collaboration with IPPF and the UK SRHR Network was cancelled at the last minute for the second year running, as was the COP26 reception planned for 3rd November 2021 in collaboration with IPPF in the run up to COP26 in Glasgow, Scotland. The Promundo Father's Report reception on 19th November 2021 was also cancelled at the last minute due to the changing Covid restrictions. Below events went ahead as planned.

UNFPA's The State of the World Population Report (SWOP) launch in the UK, 5th May 2021 (virtual)



The APPG on PDRH co-launched the UNFPA 2021 SWOP report virtually this year with the title: My body is my own - claiming the right to autonomy and self-determination.

This UNFPA's flagship SWOP report highlighted that nearly half of women in 57 countries are denied

the right to decide whether to have sex with their partners, use contraception or seek healthcare. It is the first UN report focusing on bodily autonomy: The power and agency to make choices about one's own body, without fear of violence or having someone else decide.

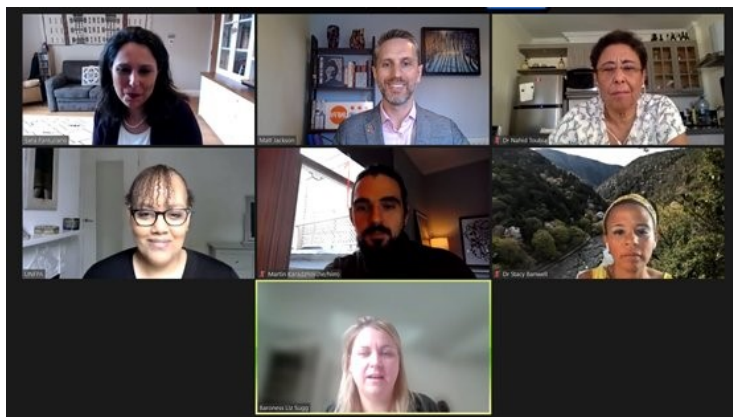
Baroness Sugg opened and welcomed all participants to the event and highlighted the negative impacts of restrictive practices and laws, the urgent need for funding and the need for collective action to support individuals to guarantee rights and freedom of choice.

Speakers at event:

- *Dr Nahid Toubia, International Consultant and Director of the Institute for Reproductive Health & Rights, Sudan*
- *Dr Stacy Banwell, Principal Lecturer in Criminology, University of Greenwich*
- *Martin Karadzhev, Chair of Youth Steering Committee, International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA)*
- *Sara Pantuliano, Chief Executive, Overseas Development Institute (ODI)*
- *Matt Jackson, Director London representation office, UNFPA*

Speakers' contributions emphasised the current challenges on a legislative, societal and practical level in relation to bodily autonomy and there was an agreement of the importance of combining efforts to achieve autonomy for all.

Presentations sparked an exciting conversation which all stakeholders hoped to continue through the Gender Equality Forum (GEF), the G7 and the COP26 summits. The event left many who have been in touch since feeling well informed and positive about collective efforts and inspired by the panel's commitments to defy the social norms that prevent bodily autonomy and self-determination.



Speakers at the UNFPA SWOP report launch

Please find invitation enclosed at appendix 3

UK SRHR Network and UNFPA COP26 and FP/SRHR event, 18th October 2021 HoC, London (hybrid)

This event was the first hybrid briefing meeting held in the UK Parliament since the Covid-19 pandemic started in March 2020. APPG on PDRH members attended in-person and external experts virtually as per UK parliamentary rules.

The UK APPG on PDRH co-hosted the event with UK SRHR Network members namely, IPPF, MSI, Plan International and Multipurpose prevention technologies (MPTs) and UNFPA. Representatives from each group highlighted their main advocacy objectives and campaign activities with emphasis on how to restore UK ODA to SRHR.

The latest Guttmacher Institute report: 'Just the Numbers' and its findings were highlighted and was of particular interest to members as this newly published report showed new data on the impact of the UK's funding cuts for SRHR.

The reduction in UK ODA has already had a devastating impact on the lives of women and girls around the world and is threatening years of progress towards gender equality and increased access to reproductive choice. The report also highlighted how much can be achieved through UK aid spending.

The UK SRHR Network statement released in response to the report was circulated at the meeting also and highlighted the fact that women and girls who access vital health services are able to make their own reproductive choices and are critical to ending preventable maternal, newborn and child deaths. It will support girls to receive a quality education. Currently, only half of women and girls in low-and-middle-income countries are fully empowered to make choices over health care, contraception and the ability to say yes or no to sex.

The statement also highlighted that achieving access for all to Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) services by 2030 and meeting the need for modern contraception by 2040 generates cost-savings, returning £100 for every pound spent. Campaign asks were for the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) to spend an average of £500 million per year on SRHR which constitutes 4% of the UK aid budget - the same proportion as a year prior - which would make a huge contribution to supporting the 218 million women and girls each year who want to avoid a pregnancy to access a modern method of contraception and help end the nearly 300,000 maternal deaths and 34 million unsafe abortions that occur each year. It was noted that the forthcoming commitments to the FP2030 partnership would offer an excellent opportunity for the UK to renew its contribution for the next 3 years SRHR programming and supplies.

Please find the Guttmacher Institute 'Just the Numbers' report and UK SRHR Network statement enclosed at appendix 4

UK SRHR Network event on UK Government asks on FP2023, 24th November 2021 HoC, London

This event was the first in-person event to be held this year in the UK Parliament with external experts.

The UK SRHR Network Chair and Co-chair shared the headlines of their policy paper and key policy asks for the UK FP2030 commitment and a discussion followed on UK APPG on PDRH priority activities and the FCDO Ending Preventable Deaths and Health System Strengthening papers.

The UK SRHR Network FCDO financial asks remained £500 million per year on SRHR, constituting 4% of the UK aid budget and strong language on SRHR in the forthcoming two FCDO publications with reference to reaching the hardest to reach populations with SRHR services.

A discussion was also held on the newly appointed Secretary of State (SoS) for FCDO, Liz Truss MP and letters were drafted to congratulate her on her new appointment and her recent statement promising to reinstate funding to women and girls.

Please find drafted letters enclosed at appendix 5

European Parliamentary Forum on SRR (EPF) event: Activism against Human Rights and SRH, 16th March 2022, HoC, London

Above briefing meeting was held in the UK Parliament in response to requests from Ruth Jones MP, Tonia Antoniazzi MP and Baroness Massey, all members of the Council of Europe (CoE). Delegates had attended an event in the CoE where Neil Datta, EPF secretariat, had outlined the anti-gender movement in Europe, which was influencing SRHR policies and funding.

Baroness Sugg welcomed and moderated the event with the two keynote speakers: Neil Datta, EPF secretariat and author of the reports: 'Tip of the Iceberg' and 'Restoring the Natural Order' and Sian Norris, Journalist, feminist activist and author of 'Birth Violence'.

Neil Datta highlighted and exposed the money behind networks intent on overturning laws related to sexuality and reproduction in Europe. These networks are well financed anti-gender movement that have mobilised popular support, influenced policies and shaped the political landscape on issues ranging from abortion to gender equality and LGBTQI+ rights. Anti-gender actors from around the world were noted to have targeted countries to leverage social and religious conservatism against a human-rights and SRH agenda.

Sian Norris presented findings from her book: 'Birth Violence' and findings from the recently published Gilead report available here: [Welcome to Gilead Report | Population Matters](#)

The case studies presented showcased how the far right and religious extremist have declared war on women's reproductive rights in numerous countries around the world. Poland issued a near-total ban on abortion in January 2021, Iran has restricted family planning access to increase the national birth rate, Hungary has a population replacement policy notorious for homophobia and in Germany right wing parties have intimidated abortion providers, reducing accessibility to abortion services. A lively question and answer session followed with the audience wanting further information on the war on women's rights globally to relay messages to member associations in the Global South.



Sian Norris, Baroness Sugg, Neil Datta and Baroness Barker at APPG on PDRH/EPF event



Top Follower followed by 181K people

Please find invitation enclosed at appendix 6

Other SRHR Briefing Meetings

APPG on PDRH members received invitations to an extensive list of virtual SRHR briefing meetings and conferences this year via the circulated weekly APPG on PDRH future business newsletter. Below is a list of virtual events attended by APPG on PDRH members and/or staff:

- 6th April: UNFPA and MSI webinar: Reproductive violence - where reproductive rights meet gender-based violence.



- 12th April: The Gates Foundation webinar: Family planning advocacy team and Save the Children webinar: Ending child marriage in West Africa, enhancing policy implementation and budgeting, Niger and Sierra Leone.
- 13th April: IDC Select Committee oral evidence session on the future of UK aid – members referenced SRHR at this session.
- 14th April: UNFPA SWOP Report 2021 virtual launch: My body is my own - claiming the right to autonomy and self-determination.
- 20th April: Development Media International webinar: Accelerating progress in family planning - how can we double the uptake of modern contraceptives by 2030?

A summary of the Family Planning Randomised Controlled Trial is on the DMI [website](#), along with a short [explainer video](#).

**Accelerating progress in family planning.
How can we double the uptake of modern contraceptives by 2030?**

Tuesday 20th April 2021

London 16:00-17:30 Ouagadougou 15:00-16:30 Washington, DC 11:00-12:30 Geneva 17:00-18:30

An online discussion with:

Paul Kaba Thieba Former Prime Minister of Burkina Faso	Roy Head CEO, Development Media International	Rachel Glennerster Chief Economist, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	Marie Ba Director, Ouagadougou Partnership Coordination Unit	Darren Welch Director of Global Health, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	Alix Peterson Zwane CEO, Global Innovation Fund	David Heymann Former Assistant Director-General, World Health Organisation

Moderated by:

- 29th April: Baroness Sugg and Lord McConnell hosted a virtual briefing meeting for Peers: The Global Partnership for Education to discuss the impacts of Covid-19.
- 5th May: The Center for Reproductive Rights (CRR) and the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM) hosted a roundtable virtual event: Guaranteeing undocumented migrant women's access to affordable maternal health care in the European Union (EU).

CENTER for REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

PICUM
Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants

Guaranteeing Undocumented Migrant Women's Access to Affordable Maternal Health Care in the EU

5 May 2021, 10:00-11:30am CEST

[Register for Roundtable](#)

When pregnant women are unable to access affordable maternal health care, public health evidence shows that they face increased risks of poor maternal health outcomes and complications during childbirth. The harmful impact of existing legal and policy barriers facing undocumented migrant women in access to maternal health care in the EU have been exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please join us for a roundtable discussion on these barriers, the impacts of COVID-19 and good practices and recommendations that EU member states can follow in guaranteeing undocumented migrant women's access to affordable maternal health care.

Speakers:

Alice Bah Kuhnke
Member of the European Parliament

Jozef Bartovic
Technical Officer, Migration and Health Programme, WHO Regional Office for Europe

Virginia Wangare Greiner
CEO, Maisha e.V.- African Women in Germany

Claudia Lam
Deputy to the Director, Office of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

Michele LeVoy
Director, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants

Katrine Thomasen
Senior Legal Adviser for Europe, Center for Reproductive Rights

Moderator:

Enid Muthoni
Senior Vice President, Global Legal Program, Center for Reproductive Rights

- 13th May: British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) webinar: Pregnancy choices during the pandemic - are they here to stay?
- 17th May: SRH Matters webinar: Accountability in SRHR research and 17th – 18th May: The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH), CORE Group, the Global Financing Facility (GFF) and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance two-day conference: Lives in the Balance summit: Equity in Covid-19 Recovery.
- 19th May: Save the Children webinar: Partnering for frontline health workers during Covid-19 and beyond.
- 17th June: APPG on HIV and AIDS, UNAIDS, the Global Fund and Unite Network virtual event: G7 and UN General Assembly High Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS and where next for the global fight against HIV and AIDS.
- 24th June: FIGO webinar: Conscientious objection.



FIGO Safe Abortion Webinar

Addressing the Supply of Abortion Services:
What is the Impact of “Conscientious Objection” on Women & Girls’ Rights to Access Safe Abortion Services – Should it be Better Regulated or Repealed?

Moderator: Dr Jaydeep Tank, Chair, FIGO Safe Abortion Committee
Speakers: Dr Laura Gil, Melissa Upreti, Dr Mekdes Daba, Dr Priyankur Roy & Dr Félix Essiben

Languages: English with simultaneous interpretation in French and Spanish
 #FIGOWebinar

Thursday 24th June, 3pm UK (UTC+1)
 Register for free: www.figo.org/upcoming-webinars

FIGO
 International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics
 The Global Voice for Women's Health

and CRR webinar: Sustaining Access to SRH services during the Covid-19 pandemic and beyond.

- 25th June: EPF/Global Parliamentary Alliance for Health, Rights and International Development (GPA)/Associazione Italiana Donne Per Lo Sviluppo (AIDOS) webinar: Placing gender back at the centre of global health and development policies.
- 28th June: CRR, UNFPA, Plan International, the Sexual Rights Initiative webinar: Accountability for women’s and girl’s SRHR in humanitarian settings.
- 29th June: UNFPA, the African Union and the Government of Germany webinar: The4DSeries policy dialogues on demographic diversity and dividends - education and skills development for demographic dividend(s).
- 2nd July: EPF/Ipas Generation Equality Forum side event webinar: Advancing gender equality by countering the extremists and PAI/Pathfinder webinar: Paving the way to safe abortion.



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Generation Equality Forum

Safe Abortion: Paving the Way to Universal Access

On behalf of Pathfinder International and PAI, thank you for registering for Safe Abortion: Paving the Way to Universal Access.

- 9th July: Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW) EU Team, the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU and Water Aid webinar: A roadmap to a happy and sustainable future - health & water at the core of the EU-Africa Partnership.
- 13th July: PMNCH, United Nations international Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), World Health Organization (WHO) and Universal Health Coverage (UHC) 2030 UN High Level Political Forum for sustainable development: Protect the progress - rise, respond, recover – equity in the era of Covid-19 and the SDGs: Improving accountability for the health and rights of vulnerable women, children and adolescents.
- 15th July: Global Justice Center (GJC) webinar: US war on abortion.
- 19th July: APPG on SRH webinar: Telemedicine – a new chapter for abortion care.



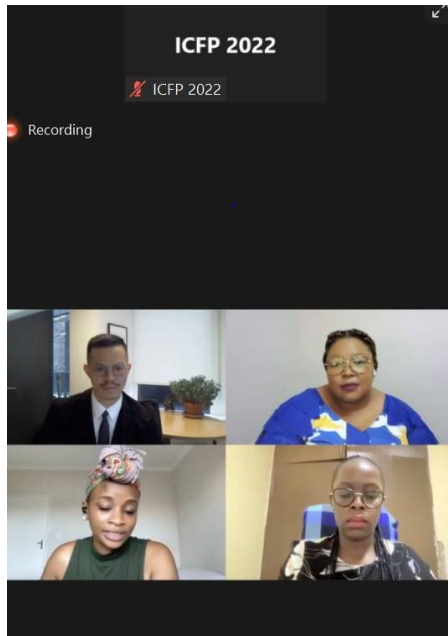
- 21st July: UNFPA webinar: World population and gender equality in the post-Covid era.
- 27th August: FIGO webinar: Surgical abortion.
- 7th September: APPG on HIV/AIDS meeting with Winnie Byanyima, United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS) Executive Director.
- 8th September: UNICEF UK policy launch event: The impact of Covid-19 on PMNCH in fragile and conflict affected settings.
- 14th September: Public Policy Exchange's (PPE) virtual webinar: Ending virginity testing & hymenoplasty - introducing criminal justice responses & raising awareness.
- 20th September: The Ford Foundation webinar: Child marriage.
- 22nd September: PMNCH webinar: The 10th Annual PMNCH accountability breakfast and DFID SC evidence session via webinar: MPs to quiz 'complex mosaic' of UK aid ties with China.
- 23rd September: EPF/DSW webinar: Access to contraception in Europe during the Covid-19 pandemic – Dame Diana Johnson MP, Chair APPG SRH spoke at this event.
- 28th September: Progress Educational Trust's (PET) webinar: ExtendTheLimit - what now for egg freezing? – extending from 10 – 50 years!
- 29th September: The International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) webinar: Reshaping the world of work for women.
- 13th October: Advance Family Planning (AFP) webinar: SMART advocacy guide.
- 20th October: UNFPA webinar: Accelerating adolescent SRHR for demographic dividend(s).



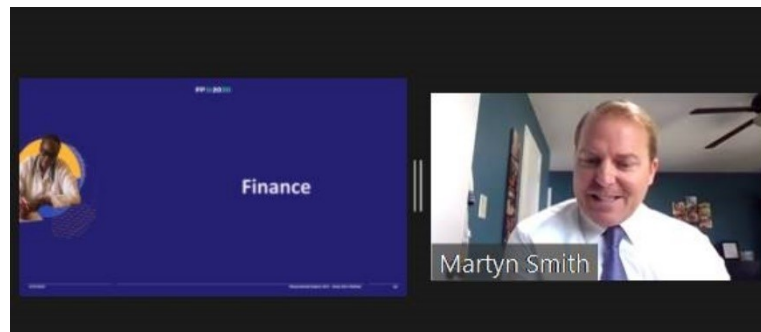
- 26th October: APPG on SRH event: Investing in women's lives: A lifecourse approach to SRH.
- 9th November: DFID SC inquiry into UK Aid.
- 18th November: FP2030 webinar: Moving forward together to transform the future; Women Deliver webinar: Women Deliver 2023 passing the arrow – 2023 conference, July 2023 in Kigali, Rwanda and ICRW webinar: The pivotal role of the private sector in advancing gender equity - a conversation on gender in supply chains, sustainability commitments & community engagement.
- 23rd November: CRR webinar: Accountability for SRHR in humanitarian settings.
- 30th November: The AI for good hybrid event: The case for digital health - accelerating progress to achieve UHC.
- 6th December: SheDecides webinar: SR justice now! A call to action two years on from the ICPD + 25 Nairobi Summit.



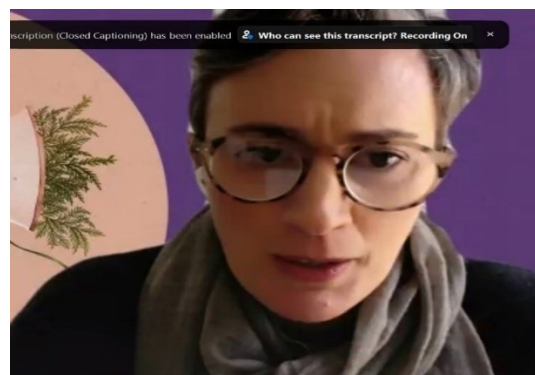
- 8th December: ICRW webinar: Technology-facilitated Gender Based Violence (GBV) - findings & recommendations.
- 9th December: FP Conference webinar: The pulse of family planning with Dr T - A UHC day conversation and ICRW webinar: Racial & reproductive justice - key components of global SRHR.



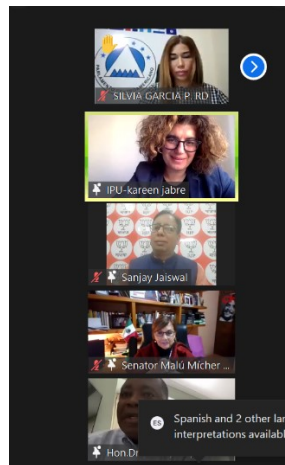
- 10th December: EPF webinar: European atlas of fertility treatment policies.
- 27th January: FP2030 webinar: Measurement report 2021.



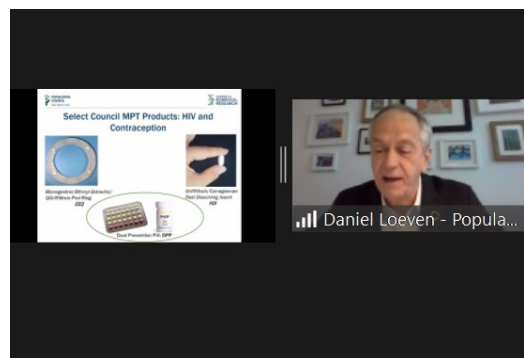
- 31st January: CRR webinar: Global impacts of US regression in abortion access.



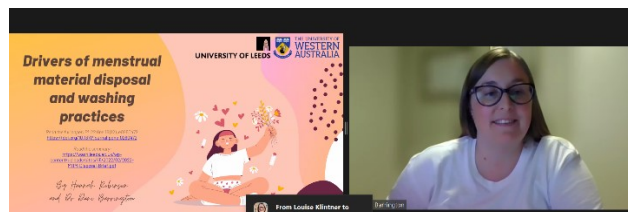
- 8th February: UK APPG on SRH webinar: Addressing the backlog in long action reversible contraception (LARC) and future-proofing access and UNFPA, FP2030, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and What Works Association webinar: Advancing human rights in family planning - the agenda for the next decade and IPU webinar: Ending child marriage in the time of Covid-19: What role for parliaments?



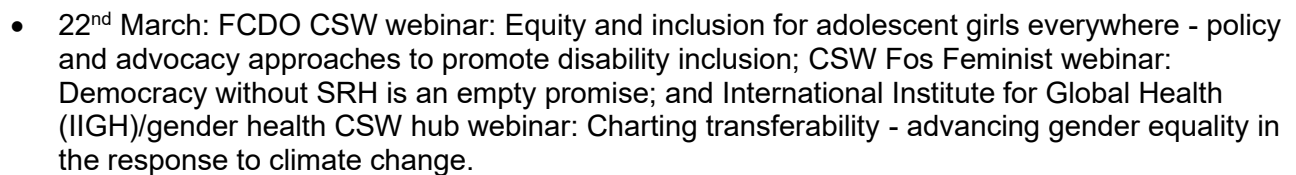
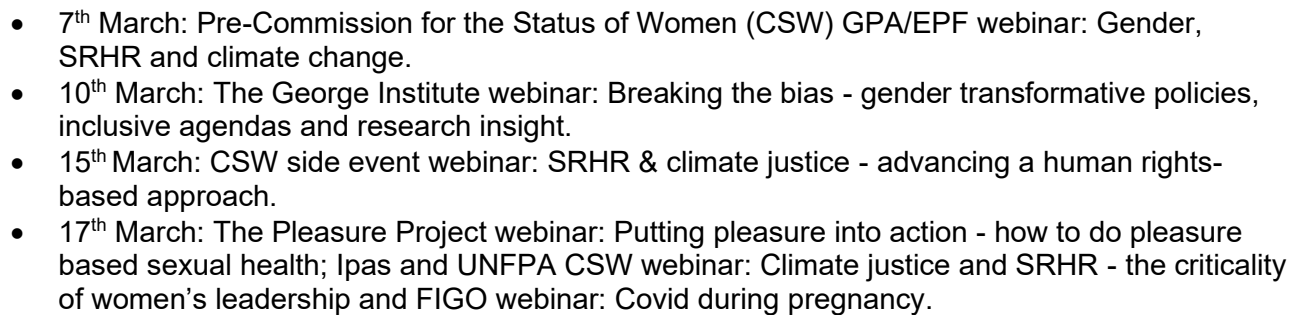
- 18th February: WHO and Pleasure Project webinar: Why SRHR programmes should incorporate sexual pleasure.
- 28th February: MPT regulatory pathways webinar: Case studies from MPT product developer.

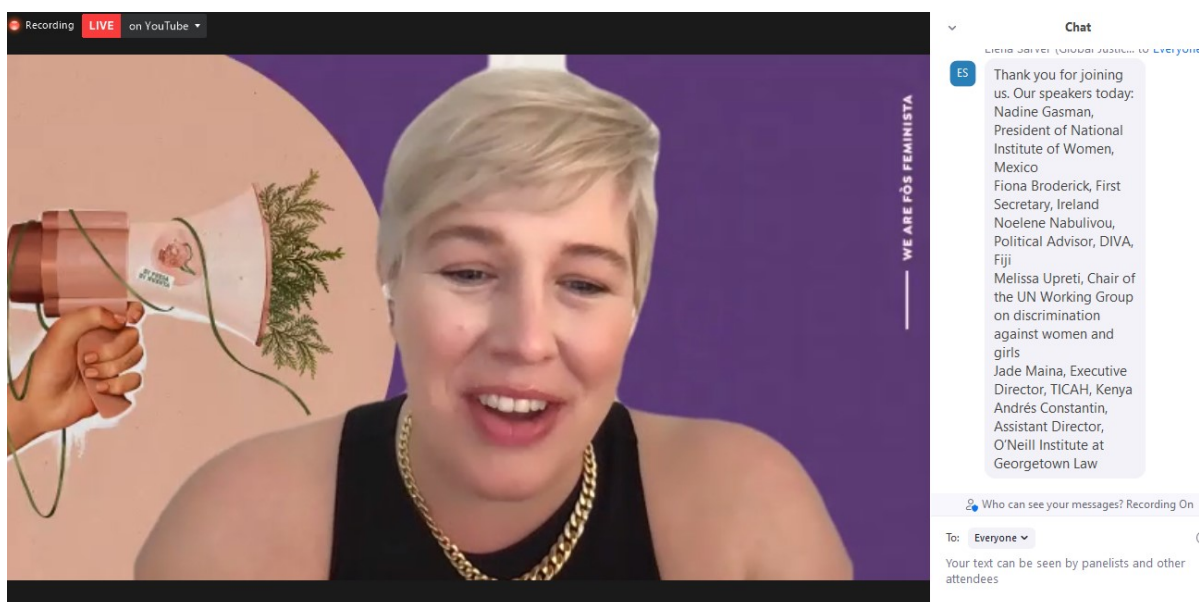


- 1st March: International Development Committee's (IDC) inquiry into extreme poverty and the Reproductive Health Supplies webinar: Menstrual health waste management.



- 2nd March: SheDecides et al. webinar: Young people's perspectives on sexual wellbeing and sexual consent.
- 3rd March: Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) IWD event.





- 29th March: IDC inquiry: Extreme poverty and the SDGs.

Please find invitations enclosed at appendix 7

European Meetings

European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (EPF)



Collaboration between the UK APPG on PDRH and EPF remains strong. Baroness Sugg and Baroness Hussein-Ece held a virtual meeting with Neil Datta and staff in February 2021 to introduce themselves as the new APPG on PDRH co-chairs and held the first in-person meeting on 16th March 2022 in UK HoL to discuss future collaborative activities.

In August 2021, Baroness Barker attended the Human Rights conference in Copenhagen and World Pride virtually, supported by EPF.



EPF, Human Rights conference, Copenhagen

In October 2021, EPF called for nominations for positions on their Executive Committee (EC) and the UK APPG on PDRH re-nominated Baroness Northover who was successfully elected onto the committee at the hybrid EPF's meeting in Poland on 22nd October 2021.

Baroness Northover has since attended the EPF EC meeting on 2nd February 2022 where she presented the latest UK APPG on PDRH activities and recent UK International Development issues. She noted Liz Truss MP, UK SoS for FCDO's recent announcement that UK ODA will be restored for women & girls and that MSI and IPPF had been asked to submit cost extension programmes to FCDO for their Women's Integrated Sexual Health (WISH) Programme projects. She also referenced the launch of FCDO's latest important policy papers in the autumn 2021: Ending Preventable Deaths (EPD) and Health System Strengthening (HSS), available here: [Ending preventable deaths of mothers, babies and children by 2030 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ending-preventable-deaths-of-mothers-babies-and-children-by-2030) and [Health systems strengthening for global health security and universal health coverage - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-systems-strengthening-for-global-health-security-and-universal-health-coverage).

Baroness Northover also referenced Pauline Latham MP's latest PMB, tabled in HoC to stop Child Marriage, due to be debated and have its 3rd reading in February 2022. Reference was also made to telemedical abortion, which was permitted in England during Covid-19, but due to end on 30th March 2022. An amendment had been introduced to the UK Government Health Care Bill by Baroness Sugg to ensure its continuation after 30th March 2022. Baroness Sugg's second amendment to the UK Government Health Care Bill on Hymenoplasty tabled in January 2022, was also referenced and due to be debated in February 2022, to stop this harmful practice.

Baroness Barker attended the EPF parliamentary hybrid conference in Poland, 21st – 22nd October 2021 as a follow up to IWD, March 2021 solidarity press activities:

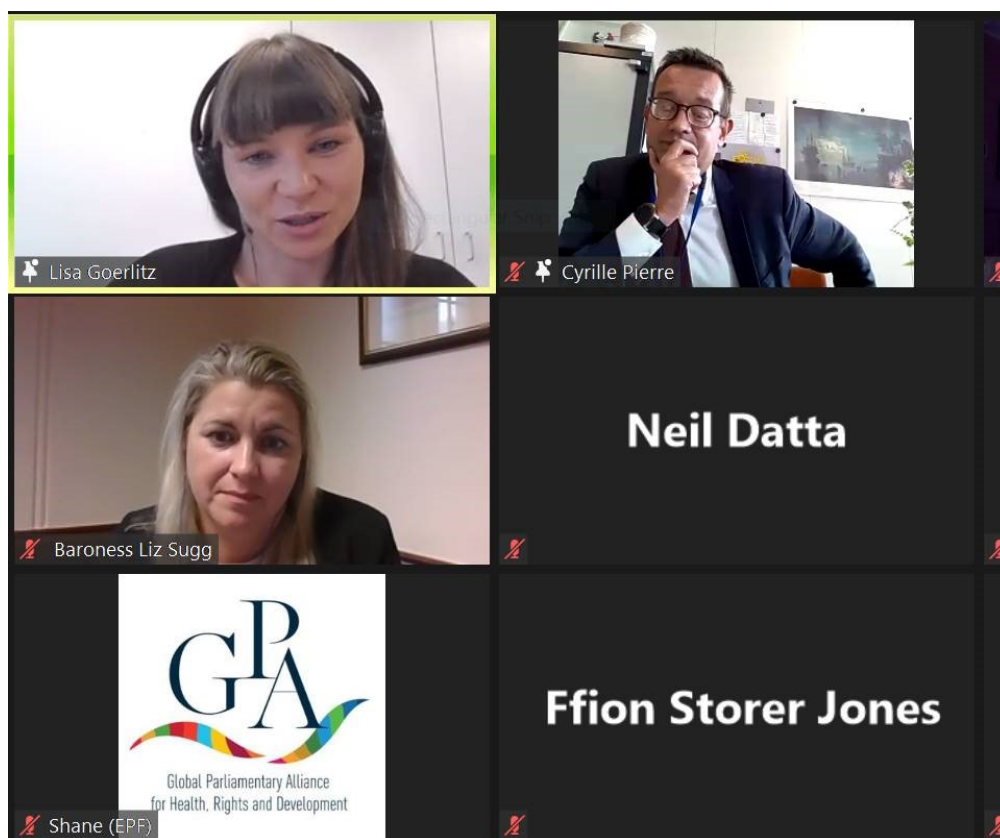


Baroness Hussein-Ece, Virendra Sharma MP and Baroness Sugg show support for Polish women

The EPF Polish conference coincided with the one-year mark since the illegally-constituted Polish Constitutional Tribunal issued a contested judgement banning abortion for foetal anomaly, which sparked a wave of protests in Poland and international condemnation, including from EU and the CoE Institutions. The 2-day conference had the following agenda: SRHR and the rule of law in Europe; Global SRHR situation; EPF Council meeting with elections referenced earlier and MPs in attendance made a field visit on women's and LGBTQI rights. Below statement of commitment was signed by all participants at the conference.

In May 2021 EPF disseminated the Italian draft resolution countering formalising/furthering the Holy See's Observer status at WHO, which select UK APPG on PDRH members signed. Also in May 2021 a joint EPF and APPG on PDRH G7 letter was drafted and signed by 100 parliamentary representatives of G7 nations and other partner and donor countries and sent to Boris Johnson, UK Prime Minister (PM), to highlight the importance of ensuring that SRHR be firmly on the G7 agenda.

On 22nd June 2021 Baroness Sugg spoke at the EPF/GPA/AIDOS G8 High Level Parliamentary Consultation: Placing gender back at the centre of global health and development policies and on 16th September 2021 she spoke at the EPF/DSW SRHR ODA report launch and webinar: Donors delivering for SRHR 2021.



“I firmly believe that cutting our (UK) aid budget in a global pandemic is the wrong thing to do. Investing in international development and SRHR particularly is more important than ever.”

Baroness Liz Sugg,
Co-chair of the UK APPG on Population,
Development and Reproductive Health Fund



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Members have also attended various EPF webinars this year, including the 28th September 2021: European Abortion Atlas launch.

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Other communications took place throughout the year, including in June 2021 in connection with Andrew Mitchell MP's amendment to restore UK aid; in July 2021 in response to EPF request for information on UK family planning provisions during Covid-19 for their contraceptive atlas; in November 2021 EPF received the announcement that the UK SoS for FCDO will reinstate funding for women and girls along with members follow up written Parliamentary Questions (PQ) to determine what this would mean for SRHR; in November 2021 and January 2022 the APPG on PDRH shared its weekly newsletters; in December 2021 and January 2022 EPF received summaries of APPG on PDRH parliamentary advocacy to reinstate UK ODA on SRHR; in December 2021 EPF received

update on Baroness Sugg's amendment on hymenoplasty, in January 2022 EPF received copies of letter sent to SoS for FCDO from the APPG on PDRH and the UK SRHR Network and replies, in January 2022 EPF was copied into correspondence between a young Gambian MP Hon Saikou Marong and GPA, Nairobi Regional office; in March 2022 there was correspondence on presenters for the forthcoming Safer Me, LGBT+ conference in the UK and in March 2022 EPF was sent a link to the APPGs on Global Health debate in Westminster Hall, HoC.

In spring 2022 numerous correspondence took place to ensure the successful joint APPG on PDRH and EPF event: Activism against human rights and SRH, 16th March 2022 (in-person), HoC, London.



APPG on PDRH/EPF Briefing Event

Please find sample EPF and APPG on PDRH communications and letters referenced above enclosed at appendix 8

Study Tours

In the spring 2022 invitations were disseminated to UK MPs and targeted Peers, inviting them to participate in the forthcoming APPG on PDRH study tour to Uganda jointly organised with MSI and IPPF, 28th May - 2nd June 2022.

The delegation was led by Baroness Sugg (Conservative), Co-chair APPG on PDRH, with the following delegates: Alan Brown MP (SNP), Steve Brine MP (Conservative), Matt Vickers MP (Conservative) and Tommy Sheppard (SNP) and Ann Mette Kjaerby, Parliamentary and Policy Advisor, APPG on PDRH.

The aim of the study tour was to strengthen UK parliamentarians' knowledge of SRHR and International Development and to enhance the membership of the APPG on PDRH. The study tour report can be viewed here: [PUBLICATIONS — APPG on Population, Development and Reproductive Health \(appg-pdrh.uk\)](https://publications.appg-pdrh.uk).



APPG on PDRH Uganda study tour delegates with UNFPA and MSI Uganda representatives and Ugandan MP, Uganda Parliament

General Written Briefings

All members have received relevant weekly future business in Parliament which now also include latest SRHR policies, funding, research, programme activities, briefing events/meetings and conferences to update and increase awareness of potential parliamentary advocacy opportunities.

Oral and written PQs have also been disseminated separately as and when relevant to members for tabling to SoS for FCDO, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Justice Secretary, SoS for Health and Social Care (HSC) and Minister for Women and Equalities.

Individual and specific briefings have also been sent to individual members in response to requests in support of parliamentary debates, legislation, questions, or presentations/conferences.

A summary list of relevant parliamentary statements, legislation, debates, EDMs and PQs can be found on the APPG on PDRH [website](#).

Below is the list of news and events disseminated to APPG on PDRH members:

- 26th March: All members received: UNFPA newsletter; World Health Day (WHD) media, UNFPA-UNICEF joint programme on the elimination of female genital mutilation (FGM) and end child marriage webinar and CRR press statement on US department's 2020 country reports on human rights practices.
- 8th April: Baroness Sugg received a link to the Labour Party strategic international policy review.
- 9th April: All members received: Provisional statistics on UK aid in 2020; MSI's report: Reproductive choice for all - leaving no one behind in reproductive healthcare; UK Government's full membership to the G7 Gender Equality Council (GEC); GEF Women Deliver's youth initiative and interactive website; Countdown 2030 Europe factsheets on SRHR; UNFPA's newsletter and an article on the UK suspending aid to Oxfam.
- 16th April: All members received: IPPF statement on UK aid cut; Devex article on UK aid cuts; UNFPA statement on its Global SWOP Report 2021 launch; EPF's newsletter; Baroness Berridge letter to Baroness Sugg in response to the HoL IWD debate and abortion in Poland and articles on abortion in Venezuela and FGM in Mali.
- 22nd April: Select members received UK SRHR Network statement on UK Aid cuts.

- 23rd April: All members received: UK Foreign Secretary (FS) 21st April 2021 statement on UK aid cut; UK FS being questioned by IDC on 29th April 2021; MSI's top line messaging on UK aid cuts and SRHR; UK SRHR Network statement on aid cuts announced on 21st April 2021; The Guardian article on pills in the post; Tim Shand and Arik Marcell research on engaging men in SRHR; International Federation of Gynaecologists and Obstetricians (FIGO) press release on access to medical abortion and self-managed abortion; Nigeria Health Watch article on child marriage in Nigeria; report on German women's health groups and medical abortion; an article on Italy and anti-abortion groups and office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights call for evidence on human rights in humanitarian situations.
- 27th April: Baroness Sugg received a briefing on gender funding.
- 28th April: Virendra Sharma MP and Baroness Sugg received a fact sheet/sign on letter on oxygen crisis in India and Brazil.
- 30th April: All members received: The Times article on doctors in Ireland and "verbal threat or attack" since abortion was introduced in Ireland in 2019; Countdown 2030 Europe report on private sector engagement in SRH; UNFPA guidance and campaign to end fistula; Welcome report on equitable access and Covid-19; the Girls' Education Challenge (GEC) newsletter; GPA newsletter; an article on Ecuador's high court decriminalising abortion in cases of rape; UK FS testimony before the IDC on 22nd April 2021; Andrew Mitchell MP question to the UK FS on reductions to ODA on 26th April 2021; UK FS oral statement in response to Andrew Mitchell MP's urgent question read in the HoL challenged by several members on 27th April 2021; UK FS testifying before the International Relations and Defence Committee (IRDC) on 27th April 2021, The Guardian IPPF article with quote from Baroness Sugg, The Evening Standard article on UK ODA cuts with quote from Baroness Sugg; UNFPA statement on UK aid cuts to SRHR; IPPF statement on UK aid cuts; MSI's statement on UK aid cuts and RCOG statement on UK aid cuts.
- 4th May: Baroness Sugg received briefing in support of the UNFPA SWOP report launch.
- 7th May: All members received: UK announcement on global targets on girls' education; G7 Education Working Group briefing; The Guardian article on summary of UK aid cuts; Devex article on the effect of UK aid cuts on women and girls in Malawi and girls' education in Bangladesh; G7 ministers' declaration on girls' education; campaign letter to UK PM on loophole that allows 16- and 17-year-olds in England and Wales to marry with parental consent, The Guardian article on the International Day of the Midwife on the global shortage of 900,000 midwives; UNFPA/ International Confederation of Midwives/WHO/Novametrics report on the State of the World's Midwifery 2021; Countdown2030 recommendations on the main challenges facing gender equality and SRHR and UNFPA-UNICEF joint programme on the elimination of FGM and child marriage latest research digest.
- 8th May: Baroness Sugg and Baroness Hussein-Ece received Action for Global Health (AfGH) letter sent to the UK PM opposing aid cuts to health.
- 10th May: All members received briefings for UK Queen' Speech debates and Baroness Blackstone and Baroness Sugg received individual briefings.
- 13th May: All members received: Devex article on tracking the aid cuts; Plan International UK's parliamentary briefing on aid cuts; IPPF's 3 briefings on SRHR and economic justice - technology and innovation for gender equality - climate change; information/social media materials on the campaign - UNITED4ISTANBULCONVENTION; MSI op-ed in the House Magazine on the right to telemedicine abortion; Euronews report on the abortion ban in Poland and a link to MP's PMB in Malta to decriminalise abortion.
- 17th May: Baroness Blackstone received briefings on SRHR for HoL Queen's Speech debate on 19th May.
- May: Select members received reminders about entering the ballot for PMBs.
- 18th May: Baroness Barker received link to new resource for abortion advice and information.
- 20th May: All members received: The IDC statement on cuts to girls' education and 'hiding' of other aid reductions; Italian draft resolution to formalise/further the Holy See's Observer status in the WHO along with media coverage on this; link to AfGH letter to the UK PM signed by 195 international organisations and experts opposing ODA budget cuts; questionnaire and information on the UN General Assembly report on 'The right to SRH – challenges and opportunities during Covid-19'; UNFPA-UNICEF joint programme on the elimination of FGM Act framework; UK lawyers' legal action to introduce a buffer zone outside abortion clinics to stop protesters targeting women seeking terminations; UNFPA International Day against homophobia, transphobia and biphobia statement on 17th May; MSI's new digital resource - eight short videos on abortion options and Devex tracking of UK aid cuts.
- 21st May: All members received link to the G7 Foreign and Development Minister's communique.
- 25th May: Baroness Sugg received summary information on procedures for tabling PMQ in HoC.

- 26th May: All HoC members received drafted oral PQs to the UK PM highlighting 9th June 'Wednesday for Women' G7 campaign activities including girls' education and SRHR.
- 27th May: All members received: The International Day of action for women's health and menstrual hygiene day on 28th May; 9th June 'WEDNESDAY FOR WOMEN' activities; the GEF on 30 June – 2 July; UK National Committee for UNICEF report - Futures at Risk - protecting the rights of children on the move in a changing climate; Northern Ireland (NI) Human Rights Commission legal case against NI Executive for not implement full abortion services in NI; G7 Foreign and Development Ministers' meeting communique with attention to pages 17-19 on gender equality, educating girls, empowering women and ending violence against women and girls (VAWG); Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters (SRHM) latest podcast and newsletter; EPF summary and media coverage on the Holy See's observer status at the WHO and Devex tracking the UK aid cuts .
- 28th May: Baroness Sugg and Baroness Hussein-Ece received IDC press release on budget cut to taxpayers' value for money – foreign aid watchdog.
- 28th May: All HoC members received drafted oral PQs on G7 and gender equality/SRHR in support of 'Wednesday for Women' 9th June 2021 campaign.
- 8th June: All members received bullet points on UNFPA Supplies Partnership's messaging among G7 countries as well as UK Plan International and UNFPA briefings on country specific impact figures of UK aid cuts prior to debates in HoC on UK aid cuts.
- 10th June: All members received: The 'Wednesday4Women' 9th June letter and petition to the UK PM calling on him to prioritise gender equality at the G7; MSI briefing - Her Body, Her Future; UK FS response to a letter from the IDC on UK aid along with Devex article on UK bilateral aid; IDC press release on MPs' amendment to restore 0.7% of UK aid to ID; UNFPA's annual report 2020; Frontline AIDS letter to PM on UK aid cut to HIV/AIDS signed by Baroness Sugg with articles in the Financial Times; article in The Telegraph signed by several members to the PM on UK aid cuts to HIV/AIDS; CRR's new factsheet 'sustaining positive measures to ensure access to SRH services during the Covid pandemic and beyond' and technical paper - Accountability for SRHR in humanitarian settings; UNFPA-UNICEF joint programme on the elimination of FGM and the UNFPA-UNICEF global programme to end child marriage latest research digest; figures showing women in England and Wales had a record number of abortions last year; The Independent article on abortion in NI; Paul Givan, Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA), Severe Fetal Impairment Abortion (Amendment) Bill in NI; open letter signed by government ministers from five European countries calling for the removal of all legal barriers to abortion and Devex tracking the UK aid cuts.
- 11th June: Baroness Sugg and Baroness Hussein-Ece received link to and photo of UNFPA's innovative way of delivering equipment and life-saving drugs in Botswana via drones.
- 15th June: Baroness Sugg and Baroness Hussein-Ece received press release on the publication: State of the World's Fathers global report 2021 - pandemic sees men doing more care work at home, but we are still 92 years from equality.
- 16th June: All HoC members received drafted oral PQs on UK ODA to family planning to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.
- 17th June: All members received: Promundo's newest State of the World's Fathers Report; EPF's new report: Tip of the Iceberg - religious extremist funders against human rights for SRH in Europe; UK Government having delayed a decision on whether to make telemedicine abortion permanent; Sarah Riche, Women's Refugee Commission, op-ed in Devex on how to close the contraception gap for women in crisis settings; Amref Health Africa et al. press release: Survey results - women, adolescents face loss of health services, jobs, information and technology during Covid-19; Evidence for Action (E4A)-MamaYe health budget advocacy toolkit; IPPF Europe four-part podcast titled, Gender & The Union; UNFPA annual report 2020, article on safe houses in conflict-ridden Tigray and life-saving drones in Botswana and Devex tracking the UK aid cuts.
- 20th June: Baroness Sugg received briefings including CRR factsheet on SRHR and Covid-19 for the EPF/GPA/AIDOS G8 high level parliamentary consultation on 22nd June.
- 24th June: All members received: IDC press release on UK Government having pattern of trying to hide foreign aid cuts; Independent Commission for Aid Impact (ICAI) review of 2019-2020 reports along with article on this in The Guardian; article that Gibraltar is holding a referendum on 24th June on whether to introduce exceptions to its ban on abortion; European Parliament resolution on abortion; article in The Guardian on the anti-FGM campaigner Sadia Hussein; International Campaign for Women's Rights to safe abortion petition in Japan; IPPF Europe podcast episodes exploring why policy changes matter to combat GBV in the EU and why relationship and sexuality education is key to creating a more equal and safe future for all; IPPF stories on women's rights; GJC 2020 annual report and Devex tracking the UK aid cuts.

- 24th June: Baroness Barker received link to statement against the bans and police brutality during 29th Istanbul Pride event.
- 26th May: Baroness Sugg received information about potential future study tour to Tanzania.
- 29th June: Select members received UNFPA, MSI, Plan International UK and other briefings for HoL foreign aid debate on 1st July and information on the GEF, Paris Summit 30th June – 2nd July.
- 30th June – 2nd July: Select members received invitations to the Global Education Forum in Paris, France.
- 1st July: All members received: Drafted oral PQs for SoS for FCDO, President of COP26, Minister for Women and Equalities; United for Istanbul Convention online 'protest' against Turkey's decision to withdraw from the Istanbul Convention and attacks towards LGBTI+ people; Gibraltar referendum and vote to ease its abortion laws; Carla Lockhart MP (DUP) op-ed opposing at-home medical abortion in Politics Home and IDC press release on refugees from Syria in Jordan.
- 9th July: All members received: UNFPA statement/circular for 11th July World Population Day (WPD), drafted oral PQs on fertility/demographic shift and Covid-19 to highlight WPD on 11th July in HoL and HoC; The Times article: PM "actively considering" plans to allow MPs a binding vote on the £4 billion cuts to the overseas aid budget; WaterAid's new report: Mission critical - investing in water, sanitation and hygiene for a healthy and green economic recovery; article on UK's law on abortion with respect to down's syndrome; The Independent's report that abortion access in NI remains scant; Rupa Huq MP and Sir Bernard Jenkin MP's failed attempt to get their buffer zones amendment added to the UK Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill and their article in Politics Home; UNFPA-UNICEF joint programme on the elimination of FGM and child marriage research digest; IPPF Europe four-part podcast titled: Gender & The Union, exploring why policy changes matter to combat GBV in the EU and Devex tracking the aid cuts.
- 9th July: Baroness Sugg received list of organisations/businesses that made pledges at the GEF.
- 12th July: Baroness Barker received invitation to GJC webinar: US war on abortion.
- 15th July: All members received: APPG on Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) AGM on 19th July and panel event on telemedicine; UNFPA's event - World Population and gender equality in the post-Covid era' on 19th July; the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) summit - Financing GPE 2021-2025' on 28-29 July; UK Government's motion on ODA – the vote was 333 to 298 and links to media coverage and to Sarah Champion MP's press release condemning the "indefinite" aid cut; article on philanthropists, including the Gates Foundation and Children's Investment Fund Foundation providing £93.5m emergency funding to cover some UK foreign aid; Andrew Mitchell MP's op-ed for The Times: Why SRH matters when tackling climate change; IDC press release on sub-inquiry into the philosophy of aid and Devex tracking the aid cuts.
- 22nd July: All members received: The Global Partnership for Education Summit 28th – 29th July; FCDO, UNFPA, Plan International, SheDecides and MSI webinar on 26th July: CSE commitments into action; IPPF judicial review of the £14.2m cut to government grants from UK Aid Connect; IPPF letter to UK FS Dominic Raab on unlawful cuts and coverage in BBC News, The Guardian and The Independent; link to Brandon Lewis - SoS for NI written statement on the commissioning of abortion services in NI by 21st March 2022; UK Government's new strategy to tackle VAWG; APPG on Conflict and Global Britain update by Anthony Mangnall MP and Rushanara Ali MP; article on Guernsey reforming its abortion law; The Guardian article on young Somalia girl's death due to FGM and Devex tracking of aid cuts.
- 29th July: All members received: Baroness Sugg and SheDecides op-ed in Conservative Home on Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) and girls' education; UK FS speech at the GES; Devex article on UK aid cuts to education programmes; Sarah Sands' op-ed on girls' education in The Times; article in The Independent on the Summit; The Guardian op-ed by Zoe Williams and Malala Yousafzai's GES speech in BBC News; FCDO, UNFPA, Plan International UK, SheDecides and MSI webinar on 26th July on CSE commitments into action; MSI social media materials to accompany the Global Partnership for Education Summit; MSI briefing: Her body, her future; WHO report with Frontline AIDS on Covid-19 vaccines for people with HIV and Devex tracking of aid cuts.
- 2nd September: All members received: The Alliance for Choice 'March for Choice' on 4th September; World Sexual Health Day 4th September; UNICEF UK's latest policy briefing: Futures at risk - the impact of Covid-19 on Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health (MNCH) in fragile and conflict settings event on 8th September; Leigh Day's Women's Rights in Healthcare 2021 conference on 7th October; articles on women's rights in Afghanistan in The Independent, The Guardian, The Financial Times, BBC News and OpenDemocracy; The Lancet article on the fragility of abortion access in Europe; The Spectator op-ed on sex-selective abortion; OpenDemocracy report on UK Brexiteers and the anti-abortion and anti-LGBT movement; Byline Times article on UK Conservative MPs and donors and US anti-abortion organisations; The Eagle article on UNICEF and FGM in Nigeria; The Guardian article on Hawa Bah, a

survivor and anti-FGM advocate in Leeds; UNFPA-UNICEF joint programme on the elimination of FGM and UNFPA-UNICEF global programme to end child marriage July research digest; and APPG letter to UK PM on Afghanistan and women and girls.

- 10th September: All members received: PMNCH 10th annual accountability breakfast webinar on 22nd September - improving health equity in Africa; EPF World Contraception Day webinar on 23rd September: Report on access to contraception in Europe during the Covid-19 pandemic; Leigh Day's Women's Rights in Healthcare 2021 conference (hybrid event) on 7th October; FIGO World Congress on 21st – 28th October; UNICEF UK policy briefing: Futures at risk - the impact of Covid-19 on MNCH in fragile and conflict affected settings; article on Mexico court and abortion ruling; BBC report on Kenyan men joining the battle against FGM; article on the Biden administration set to sue Texas over that state's new abortion law; FIGO's latest newsletter; RHM newsletter published to mark World Sexual Health Day; MSI latest newsletter – make choice possible; PMNCH latest newsletter; and UNFPA-UNICEF joint programme on the elimination of FGM and UNFPA-UNICEF global programme to end child marriage august research digest.
- 16th September: All members received: Wednesday4Women events; World Contraception Day on 22nd September; Girls Not Brides 10 year anniversary webinar on 2nd September; World Contraception Day; EPF webinar on 20th September on access to contraception in Europe during the Covid-19 pandemic; DSW webinar on 23rd September: Conversation on digitalizing SRHR in Kenya; EPF and IPPF European Network webinar on 28th September: European abortion policies Atlas; PET webinar on 28th September: #ExtendTheLimit - what now for egg freezing?; the ICRW webinar on 29th September: Reshaping the world of work for women; Girls Not Brides festival webinar on 30th September: Power to Girls; Leigh Day's Women's Rights in Healthcare 2021 conference on 7th October; EPF parliamentary conference in Warsaw, Poland on 21st and 22nd October; FIGO conference on 21st – 28th October; International Safe Abortion Day statement on 28th September; Joint Programme to Eliminate FGM global review of evidence on the effectiveness of interventions designed to prevent or respond to FGM developed by UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO and Population Council, Kenya; Population Media Centre 2020 annual report; San Marino referendum on legalising abortion on 26th September; and the Scotsman article on the Scottish Government climbdown over abortion clinic buffer zones.
- 23rd September: All members received: EPF and IPPF European Network webinar on 28th September: European abortion policies Atlas; UNFPA-UNICEF joint programme on the elimination of FGM 2020 annual report launch on 28th September; Ipas webinar on 28th September: Resilience & reproductive rights series; PET webinar on 28th September: ExtendTheLimit - what now for egg freezing?; AIDOS webinar on 28th September: How to talk about FGM; AfGH webinar on 29th September: A time of crises - health inequalities in the era of climate change; ICRW webinar on 29th September: Reshaping the world of work for women; Girls Not Brides webinar on 30th September: Power to girls festival; Leigh Day's Women's Rights in Healthcare 2021 conference on 7th October; Population Matters conference on 8th October: Boom or Bust - Economy, population and wellbeing; UNFPA, the African Union and the Government of Germany event on 20th October: The4DSeries policy dialogues on demographic diversity and dividends, entitled accelerating adolescent SRHR for demographic dividend; EPF parliamentary conference in Warsaw, Poland on 21st – 22nd October; FIGO conference on 21st – 28th October: APPG on SRH event on 26th October: Investing in women's lives – a lifecourse approach to SRH; articles and BBC coverage on English woman with down's syndrome losing high court challenge over a law allowing abortion up to birth for a foetus with the condition; APPG on HIV, StopAIDS and Frontline AIDS new report: Jeopardising progress - impact of the UK Government's aid cuts on HIV and AIDS worldwide; Devex article on FCDO's annual report; New York Times report on conscientious objectors to abortion in Spain and Irish Times report on problems accessing abortion in Ireland.
- 30th September: All members received: Leigh Day's Women's Rights in Healthcare 2021 conference on 7th October; Population Matters conference on 8th October; Advance Family Planning webinar on 13th October: SMART advocacy guide tool launch; UNFPA, the African Union and the Government of Germany event on 20th October: the 4th instalment of the #The4DSeries policy dialogues on demographic diversity and dividends, entitled accelerating adolescent SRHR for demographic dividend(s); EPF parliamentary conference in Warsaw, Poland on 21st – 22nd October; FIGO world congress on 21st – 28th October; APPG on SRH event on 26th October: Investing in women's lives – a lifecourse approach to SRH; UNFPA and UNICEF 2020 annual report of the global joint programme on the elimination of FGM; EPF report on access to contraception in Europe; EPF abortion policy atlas; information that Sima Sami Bahous of Jordan appointed as executive director of UN Women; ICRW's virtual event: Reshaping the world of work for women; The Guardian article on China's policy to clamp down on abortions for non-medical purposes; video clip on International Safe Abortion Day, women marching for abortion rights in Latin America; article on votes in San Marino to legalise abortion; The

Guardian article on women's health campaigners urging Japan's government to amend a law that forces married women to seek consent from their husbands; UK hosting the 'Safe to Be Me' conference: A global equality conference - the first ever global LGBT conference in London on 27th – 29th June 2022.

- 1st October: All committee members received invitation to C20 conference including AfGH C20 side event: Addressing health inequalities in the era of climate change and Covid-19 and Baroness Sugg and Baroness Hussein-Ece received Devex article on WHO staff and sexual exploitation in the Eastern Democratic Public of Congo (EDRC).
- 7th October: All members received: Population Matters conference 8th October: Boom or bust and advised to tweet on 11th October in connection with the International Day of the girl child; NGOs week of action for girls event on 11th October; AFP 13th October event on their SMART advocacy guide; UNFPA, the African Union and the government of Germany policy dialogues on 20th October on demographic diversity and dividends dividend; FIGO world congress 21st – 28th October; APPG on SRH 26th October event: Investing in women's lives – a lifecourse approach to SRH; Liz Truss MP appointed as the new SoS for FCDO and MSI briefing; The Independent report on WHO and sexual exploitation and abuse during the Ebola outbreak in the DRC from 2018 to 2020; John Lister on the Health and Social Care Bill; Devex's analysis of the FCDO's annual report; article on the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) legal challenge on abortion provision in NI; The Independent report on anti-abortion activists and Romania and the September UNFPA-UNICEF joint programme on the elimination of FGM research digest.
- 8th October: Baroness Barker received link to webinar and briefing on global strategy for women, children, adolescent health with information on Covid -19 impact on SRHR.
- 14th October: All members received: FCDO, UNFPA, FP2030, Women Deliver and the UN climate change conference event on 19th October: Building forward better - advancing SRHR for climate adaptation and resilience; UNFPA, the African Union and the government of Germany policy dialogues on demographic diversity and dividends on 20th October; Management Sciences for Health webinar on 21st October: Shaping 21st century health supply chains; FIGO world congress event 21st – 28th October; APPG on SRH event on 26th October: PET webinar on 3rd November: Newborn screening - what should be screened for and how; World Vasectomy Day events on 16th November; WVS Summit and celebrations between 17th – 19th November; PMNCH latest newsletter, the Guttmacher Institute new data on unmet contraception need among women 15-19 who want to avoid pregnancy; Devex reports that the UK FS, Liz Truss MP and Chancellor Rishi Sunak MP are engaged in a 'political struggle' over the Treasury's plans to continuing cutting the aid budget; Devex report on ICAI's new review; MLAs in Stormont backing proposals for exclusion zones banning anti-abortion protests outside sexual health centres in NI; The Guardian article on the International Day of the Girl campaigns, SRHM latest round of peer-reviewed articles, including one on self-managed abortions; EPF's October newsletter and the International Partnership for Microbicides 2020 annual report.
- 20th October: Baroness Barker received CRR briefing on Poland and reproductive rights.
- 20th October: Baroness Northover received briefing for EPF executive committee meeting in Poland.
- 21st October: All members received: APPG on SRH event: Investing in women's lives' on 26th October; PET webinar 3rd November event: Newborn screening; UNFPA 8th November event: Removing barriers to health and education; CRR and Gender Centre & the Graduate webinar 9th November event: Accountability for SRHR in humanitarian settings; World Vasectomy Day events on 13th, 17th, 18th and 19th November; the Guttmacher Institute webinar 21st October 'Just the numbers' <https://www.guttmacher.org/just-numbers-impact-uk-international-family-planning-assistance-2021-2022report>; UK SRHR Network statement on 21st October in response to the 'Just the numbers' report; the Global Fund for Women 21st October webinar: 'me too'; and The BBC and The Huffington Post articles on virginity testing.
- 21st October: Baroness Barker received CRR briefing on Poland and abortion.
- 28th October: Virendra Sharma MP received APPG Climate Change/Environment chair contact details to obtain email invitation lists.
- 29th October: All members received: PET 3rd November webinar: Newborn screening; COP26 Green Zone 3rd November events: Women in finance climate action group; Business Fights Poverty 4th November event: Business and climate justice; Malala Fund 5th November event: Climate justice, education and gender equality; UNFPA 8th November event: Removing barriers to health and education; COP26 live streaming; CRR and Gender Centre & The Graduate Institute Geneva 9th November webinar: Accountability for SRH in humanitarian settings; PMNCH et al. 10th November event: Building adolescents resilience to climate change; articles in The Evening Standard, the Daily Mail, The Guardian, The Independent and The Telegraph; Devex report and IPPF Director General (DG) quote on the UK budget and knock-on effect on family planning; article in The Guardian on Afghani Midwives

Association, article in The Daily Echo on telemedical abortion; Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health FSRH October Newsletter and FIGO statement on SRH law on abortion in Benin.

- 2nd November: Baroness Barker received Plan UK briefing on girls' education and climate change.
- 4th November: All members received: BPAS 8th November webinar: Marking the 50th anniversary of the invention of the pregnancy test; UNFPA 8th November event: Removing barriers to health and education; Gender/Science & Innovation Day at COP26 9th November live-streaming events on the UK Government YouTube Channel; CRR and the Graduate Institute Geneva 9th November event: Accountability for SRHR in humanitarian settings; PMNCH et al. 10th November webinar: Building adolescents' resilience to climate change; FIGO 11th November webinar: Connecting the dots - climate change adaptation, reproductive justice & resilient health care; WVD 24th – 26th November events: Dying to divorce; Battersea Arts Centre Shameless! Festival of activism against sexual violence on 27th November; IKWRO 1st December event: A turning Point - in ending "honour" based abuse; Marie Claire article on COP26; ITV.com reporting on the practices of 'virginity clinics' and documentary about hymenoplasty and virginity testing on 1st November; The Guardian and EPF report on the Irish DoH's decision to provide free contraception for women between 17 and 25; The Telegraph article on tougher abortion laws in Poland; The Guardian article on the rise in honour based abuse and the RCOG response to the Lancet linking birth outcomes to inequality.
- 11th November: All members received: UNFPA 15th November YouTube broadcast marking the second anniversary of the Nairobi Summit; World Vasectomy Day events; PET 17th November event: Whole genome sequencing at birth; WHO 17th November event: Global strategy to accelerate the elimination of cervical cancer as a public health problem; Women Delivery 2023 conference prep 18th November event; FP2030 18th November launch: 'Moving forward together to transform the future'; ICRW's 45th anniversary 18th November series: The pivotal role of the private sector in advancing gender equity; CRR rescheduled 23rd November event: Accountability for SRHR in humanitarian setting; Chloe Fairweather's documentary 24th – 26th November: Dying to divorce; 27th November Battersea Arts Centre festival of activism against sexual violence on 27th November; IKWRO 1st December event: A turning point: In ending "honour" based abuse; the Public Policy Exchange's 7th December webinar: The future of sex work; PET and genomic England's 15th December events: Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) at Birth - consenting adults, sequencing babies; reports on the COP26 Gender Day from The Times, the UK Government website, LBC, Business Green and Forbes; International conference on family planning 14th – 17th November 2022 Thailand; articles in The Guardian, BBC News, The Independent and the Financial Times on protests against Poland's abortion laws; BPAS article on the 50th anniversary of the home pregnancy test; Devex report on mobile cervical cancer screening initiative in rural Kenya, article in the Observer on The Police, Crime, Sentencing & Courts Bill; The Guardian article on the Greece public campaign; BBC News on UK's foreign aid cuts and an article in the BMJ on SRHR during the pandemic.
- 12th November: All members received drafted oral PQs for tabling for the Minister of Gender and Equality; President COP26, Minister for Health and Social Care and SoS for FCDO – all on COP26 and SRHR.
- 16th November: All members received drafted oral PQs for SoS for NI on medical abortion and Chancellor of the Exchequer on ODA and SRHR.
- 18th November: All members received: The Observer article with Liz Truss saying UK Government will restore ODA to women and girls; statement on PSVI and UK global summit next year; World Vasectomy Day events; World prematurity day events; cervical cancer day events; The Guardian article on Pauline Latham MP's Child Marriage Bill on 19th November; DHSC accepting an amendment on virginity testing to the Health and Care Bill on 18th November; AfGH and Bond 19th webinar: The UK's aid cuts and their impact on global health; the London Global Cancer week; Cancer Research UK and RTI International 19th November webinar: Cervical cancer prevention; CRR et al. 23rd webinar: Accountability for SRHR in humanitarian settings; Chloe Fairweather's documentary about Turkey's GBV crisis; White Ribbon Day campaign and sixteen days of action to end VAW on 25th November; Battersea Arts Centre Shameless festival on 27th November; weblinks for digital health week; Rutgers and DKT International 30th November webinar: Unsafe abortion; IKWRO 1st December webinar: A turning point - in ending "honour" based abuse; International Rescue Committee UK and Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) 1st December reception on essay collection: Britain as a force for good on how the UK can tackle global challenges and deliver on its 'Global Britain'; the Public Policy Exchange's 1st December webinar: The future of sex work; PET and genomic 15th December webinar: WGS at Birth - consenting adults, sequencing babies; Devex article on IPPF legal case against the FCDO over government aid cuts having been rejected; The Huffington Post on Columbia's landmark court case that could fully decriminalise abortion; WHO videos called 'Your Right To A Better World' on human rights movements;

the Metro article on WHO and cervical cancer elimination; High-Level Commission on the Nairobi Summit report: No exceptions, no exclusions; the Global Partnership for Education research on gender and remove learning and Covid -19; EPF November newsletter; Devex report on MSI research into the link between SRH services and climate change and Dr J. Joseph Spiedel's book: The Building Blocks of Health.

- 26th November: All members received: Update on Pauline Latham MP's Marriage & Civil Partnership (Minimum age) Bill and news coverage on the bill at The BBC, The Daily Mail, The Independent, The Guardian and Grazia; Battersea Arts Centre Festival of activism against sexual violence on 27th November; FIGO action again GBV campaigns on 29th November; IKWRO 1st December webinar: A turning point - in ending "honour" based abuse; International Rescue Committee UK and RUSI essay collection launch; Devex 1st December webinar: The future of UK aid; The Public Policy Exchange 7th December webinar: The future of sex work; PET 15th December event: WGS at birth - consenting adults, sequencing babies; FP2030 18th November event; article in The Guardian on NICE draft on long-acting injectable treatment for HIV-1 infection in adults; articles in The Independent, The Evening Standard, The Daily Mail and Yahoo on the White Ribbon Day and the 16 days to prevent violence that followed; Devex report on ODA cuts; articles in the BMJ, The Evening Standard, The BBC and The Independent on NICE guidelines on miscarriage; BPAS 22nd November report on MPs amendments to the UK Health and Social Care Bill - NC50, tabled by Maria Miller MP and Diana Johnson MP to decriminalise abortion up to 24 weeks in England and Wales and BBC report on the ban on virginity testing and hymenoplasty.
- 3rd December: All members were encouraged to join the UNFPA 'Bodyright' social media campaign and received: RUSI essay launch; Baroness Sugg article on her proposal for a feminist foreign policy; FCDO 14th December ending preventable death launch; IPPF 6th December webinar: Sexual and reproductive justice now!; Alliance For Choice 6th December panel discussion: What we still need for abortion in NI; London School of Economics 7th December webinar: Why women's lives don't matter - ignoring sexual violence in conflict; The Public Policy Exchange 7th December webinar: The future of sex work; United for Gender Equality 7th December webinar: Getting back on track on United4IstanbulConvention Campaign; 16 Days of activism against GBV webinar on 8th December: GBV findings & recommendations from Asia; APPG on UN Global Goals 9th December webinar with Wendy Morton MP: UK's approach to global health and combatting Covid-19; ICRW 9th December webinar: Racial & reproductive justice; SRHM Journal poetry collection event on 10th December; EPF and fertility Europe 10th December launch event: European Atlas of fertility treatment policies; FCDO 14th December launch event: Ending the preventable deaths of mothers, babies and children paper; PET and genomic England 15th December event: WGS at Birth - consenting adults, sequencing babies; article on the Polish Parliament and their anti-abortion activities; The Guardian article on India's population boom slowing; The Independent article on population growth and its negative impact; articles on Boots and its high price on emergency contraception and a letter signed by Labour MPs to SoS for Health and Social Care on this issue in The BBC, The Evening Standard, The Telegraph and The Independent; Miriam Stoppard opinion piece in The Mirror on University College London Hospital's (UCLH) report that unplanned pregnancies rose dramatically over lockdown; CRR statement on the Inter-American Court of Human Rights ruling ordering El Salvador to reform policies criminalising women who seek reproductive health care; article in The Mail on the Université de Paris study showing that pregnant women are at hugely increased risk of pregnancy complications and maternal morbidity; BBC Reel article on gender equality and climate change; latest SRH Matters publication and ICU and African Parliamentary Union report on sexism and VAW within African parliaments.
- 10th December: Baroness Sugg and Baroness Hussein-Ece received PMNCH's calls for action.
- 10th December: All members received: EPF webinar: The European Atlas of fertility treatment policies; FCDO 14th December launch: Leaving no one behind - strengthening health systems and ending preventable deaths to achieve health for all; PET 15th December webinar: WGS at Birth - consenting adults, sequencing babies; Nutrition for Growth Summit 15th December side event: How to practically integrate nutrition and WASH?; WHO and CSO 17th December dialogue: Sustainable financing of WHO; APPG on UN Global Goals 19th January event with Wendy Morton MP: UK's approach to global health; Sarah Champion MP, Save the Children-, Concern Worldwide and Devex report/statements on UK Government U-turn on its promise to the World's poorest people; The Independent and Yahoo News reports on the Online Safety Bill; The Times article decriminalising abortion in Ireland; UNFPA and UNICEF 10th December evaluation on FGM; WHO, Human Rights Day and GBV 10th December event and The Times article on GBV.
- 17th December: All members received: UK SRHR Network statement on the Guttmacher report 'Just the numbers' report; FP2030 policy brief with asks; APPG on PDRH letter sent to Wendy Morton MP and

SoS for FCDO to highlight the importance of SRHR and request a meeting; EPF webinar: The European Atlas of fertility treatment policies; FCDO report launches on 14th December: Leaving no one behind - strengthening health systems and ending preventable deaths to achieve health for all; PET 15th December webinar: WGS at Birth - consenting adults, sequencing babies; Nutrition for Growth Summit 15th December side event: How to practically integrate nutrition and WASH?; WHO and CSO 17th December dialogue: Sustainable financing of WHO; 19th January APPG on UN Global Goals' 19th January event with Wendy Morton MP: UK's approach to global health; Sarah Champion MP -, Save the Children, Concern Worldwide and Devex report/statements on UK Government U-turn on its promise to the World's poorest people; The Independent and Yahoo! News reports on the Online Safety Bill; The Times article decriminalising abortion in Ireland; UNFPA and UNICEF 10th December evaluation on FGM; WHO, Human Rights Day and GBV 10th December event and The Times article on GBV.

- 21st December: Baroness Sugg and Baroness Hussain-Ece received UK SRHR Network letter to SoS for FCDO and letter from International Partnership for Microbicides.
- 6th January: All members received: Letter from Amanda Milling MP at FCDO; UK SRHR Network letter to Amanda Milling MP; UNFPA new strategic plan 2022 – 2025; EPF's online news quoting Baroness Sugg's oral PQ on ODA for women and girls in HoL; UK Government's 23rd December final report on hymenoplasty; 17th - 23rd January cervical cancer prevention week events and request to tweet #CervicalCancerPreventionWeek; APPG on UN Global Goals 19th January event with Wendy Morton MP; International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM on 6th February; International Human Papillomavirus (HPV) awareness day on 4th March; Population Media Centre end-of-year eBook compiling environmental and population articles from the year; Bond's round-up of the year; articles in The Independent and The Times on Irish Family Planning Association (FPA) call for decriminalisation of abortion services; article noting that France has made contraception free for all women up to the age of 25; article in The Independent that in El Salvador three women who had been jailed under anti-abortion law have been freed; article on banning FGM in Sierra Leone and link to Radio 4 programme on population.
- 7th January: Select HoL members received information about EU travel/global travel insurance for Peers.
- 12th January: Baroness Sugg and Baroness Hussein-Ece received NGO report on working with religious leaders on SRHR; update on WISH funding and programmes and Population Matter's pro-natal report.
- 14th January: All members received: UK Government's International Development Strategy; responses to Virendra Sharma MP's December 2021 written PQs on the restoration of UK ODA levels from FCDO; new GDP figures released; Baroness Sugg's oral PQ on the Equalities Assessment; Wendy Morton MP having moved to the Department of Transport and the global health brief (which includes SRHR) now being held by Amanda Milling MP in her role as Minister of State for Asia and Vicky Ford MP having the global education, gender and equality brief alongside her roles as Minister for Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean; social media and photos in connection with 17th - 23rd January cervical cancer prevention week; The Independent 19th January webinar: VAW - changing the discourse; CRR 31st January webinar: Dialogue on global impact of US regression in access to abortion; International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM on 6th February; International HPV awareness day on 4th March; Population Matters' new report: Welcome to Gilead on pro-natal policies and restrictions to SRHR services; Swedish SRHR NGO report on how to work with religious leaders on SRHR; Devex reflecting on the future of UK Aid in 2022; Bloomberg BusinessWeek article on the damage done to young women's health, education and independence in developing nations by the Covid-19 pandemic; FIGO's February 2022 newsletter; Plan International's worldwide annual review; the Office for National Statistics report on the gender pay gap in the UK and The Telegraph and FP2030 websites on free contraception in Ghana for all women with NH Insurance – approximately half of the population.
- 18th January: Baroness Sugg received RCOG briefing for HoL debate on ID Strategy.
- 21st January: All members received: UNFPA's Strategic Plan 2022 - 2025 and technical paper on GBV; Pauline Latham MP's Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill passed committee stage, FP2030 27th January webinar: Measurement report 2021; CRR 31st January webinar: Dialogue on global impact of US regression in access to abortion; EPF 4th February webinar: An introduction to anti-gender movements; International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM 6th February; International HPV awareness day 4th March; The Guardian and The Independent articles on Ugandan schools reopening after 2 years of closure; Missing in action report on Covid and GBV and SRHR in five countries; The Daily Post Nigeria article on contraception and maternal deaths reduced by ¼; Kenyan study on contraception on its cost-effectiveness; The Telegraph article on MSI Nepal and abortion services; UNFPA report on a midwife at a refugee camp in Jordan with no maternal deaths; Devex report on worldwide attempts to destigmatise menstrual health by engaging faith leaders; The Independent and

The Guardian articles on Germany reversing a decades-old law on abortion advertising; FORWARD's new Covid -19 study: Lived experiences of the pandemic among black and minority ethnic women and the Paediatric and Perinatal Epidemiology's special issue on climate change and reproductive, perinatal and paediatric health.

- 28th January: All members received: Letters from Amanda Milling MP to the UK SRHR Network and Dr Natalia Kanem, Executive Director (ED), UNFPA to the SoS for FCDO and replies; Save the Children UK policy brief on embedding community health workers within an integrated UK global health strategy; FP2030 measurement report; CRR 31st January webinar: Dialogue on global impact of US regression in access to abortion; EPF 4th February webinar: An introduction to anti-gender movements; International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM 6th February; HIV testing week 7th – 13th February; APPG on SRH 8th February webinar: Addressing the backlog in Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARC) and future-proofing access; Building Resources Across Communities (BRAC) 8th February webinar: Regional dialogue for Africa alongside the African Development Bank, UNDP, the World Bank and others; UNFPA, FP2030, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and What Works Association 8th February webinar: Advancing human rights in family planning; EPF 9th February webinar: Launch of the fifth edition of the Contraception Atlas; Alliance for Choice 9th February webinar: An update on abortion service commissioning in NI and training, workshop and other events; BRAC 10th February webinar: Asian regional dialogue alongside partners like the Asian Development Bank, UNDP, London School of Economics (LSE) and the Government of Indonesia; International HPV awareness day theme #onelessworry 4th March; The Independent article 30th March on telemedicine abortion; The Guardian, Euronews and The Telegraph articles and press releases on Poland's abortion ban and EU court of human rights; Irish Times article on teenage pregnancy decrease by 73%; the Wire article on abortion rights in Romania; The Guardian article on Ethiopia's critical shortage of SRH commodities; IPPF report on Tanzania and the Global Gag Rule (GGR); The New York Times article on China's birth crisis and UNICEF's policy briefing path to progress: The Covid-19 response and HSS and immunisation systems.
- 2nd February: Baroness Northover received APPG on PDRH summary activities for EPF EC meeting.
- 3rd February: Committee members received survey published in The Lancet on global Covid -19.
- February: Lynn Brown MP's office received information about EPF and IPU CSW events as requested.
- 4th February: All members received: Update on telemedical abortion in the UK including BPAS #carenotcriminalisation campaign; The Telegraph article Refinery29; reminder to table oral PQs for IWD 7th February; International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM on 6th February; UNFPA's social media pack hashtag #Act2EndFGM for tweets, National HIV testing week 7th – 13th February; HIV prevention England's campaign briefing and social media pack and the hashtag #HIVTestingWeek; APPG on SRH 8th February webinar: Addressing the backlog in LARC and future-proofing access; UNFPA, FP2030, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and What Works Association 8th February webinar: Rights-based family planning in spite of today's challenges; IPU 8th February webinar: Ending child marriage in the time of Covid-19: What role for parliaments?; EPF 9th February European Parliament webinar: Contraception Atlas launch; APPG on the UN Global Goals for Sustainable Development and the International Chamber of Commerce 9th February webinar: Scaling up a sustainable transition; PET in partnership with the Scottish Government 9th February webinar: Prioritising patient safety - how to minimise risk in fertility treatment; Alliance for Choice 9th February webinar: Abortion service commissioning in NI and training, workshop and other events; 10th February BRAC, the Asian Development Bank, UNDP, LSE and the Government of Indonesia 10th February webinar: Evidence-based poverty eradication efforts; International HPV Awareness Day with the theme #onelessworry on 4th March; BPAS press release on Boots reducing price for emergency contraception; article on the morning-after bill being overturned in Malta; ITV 'Lorraine programme' on FGM #BornPerfect campaign; IPAS joining the UK SRHR network as now has office in the UK; FIGO's new strategic plan; SRHM February issue; Countdown 2030 Europe report: European donor support to SRH & family planning; Glamour Magazine article on the virginity testing ban and article in The Independent on UK Government's cut in ODA causing reputational damage.
- 11th February: All members received: Baroness Sugg topical questions on telemedicine abortion in HoL, WHO and the Pleasure Project 14th February webinar: Bring pleasure into sex education to save lives with press release and a copy of the study; Care International UK 9th March IWD event in HoC with APPG on PDRH stall; EPF opposition to HR and SRH briefing meeting on 16th March; EU and African Union summit 17th – 18th February with 15th February IPPF side event: Getting back on track - realizing gender equality and universal access to SRHR; International HPV awareness Day 4th March and this year's theme being #onelessworry; IWD 8th March 2022 theme: Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow; Abortion Rights AGM & public meeting 12th March; BBC News and Metro regarding Jacob Rees-Mogg MP being asked to correct his statement on emergency contraception;

BBC RCOG story on inequality in pregnancy loss outcomes for black women; Dutch bill to allow GPs to prescribe abortion pills, currently only available from abortion clinics; EPF's 5th Contraceptive policy Atlas Europe launch; FP2030's measurement report deep dive 2020-2021 webinar and report; FIGO's March newsletter and HoL library article: Women and girls in the fight against Covid-19.

- 18th February: All members received: This week's Global Disability Summit (GDS) and FCDO announcement on its disability inclusion and rights strategy and the WISH programme extension; UNFPA side event at the GDS; UK SRHR Networking briefing meeting 23rd February; Care International UK IWD event 9th March in HoC; EPF opposition to HR and SRHR event on 16th March; Menstrual health waste management event 1st March; International HPV awareness day 4th March; IWD 8th March theme: Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow; SRHM 8th March webinar: Poetry for SR justice; Abortion Rights 12th March webinar: The importance of international solidarity; APPG UN Global Goals for Sustainable Development 14th March AGM; WHO and the Pleasure Project 17th March webinar: Putting pleasure into action; Clare Murphy, BPAS BBC women's hour Valentines message on telemedicine abortion; Plan International UK valentine comic book launch on young people's perspectives on sexual wellbeing and consent; UNFPA's Valentine's Day #IDont campaign to end child marriage; EPF 10th February webinar: Women's rights and gender equality; EPF 2022 European Contraceptive Atlas and the Polish media coverage; Devex report on Uganda and Hepatitis B/HIV and syphilis and The Guardian article on FGM initiatives in Africa.
- 25th February: Baroness Sugg received UK SRHR Networking briefing for HoL oral PQ 28th February.
- 25th February: All members received: Statement from the Department of Health and Social Care on telemedical abortion 6 month extension with press releases from British Medical Association (BMA), RCOG, MSI, BPAS, The Times and The Guardian; tweets for the International HPV awareness day on 4th March on IWD on 8th March; Care International UK 9th March IWD event; America Heart Foundation, The George Institute, NHS UK 10th March IWD event: Breaking the bias - gender transformative policies from around the world; EPF and APPG on PDRH 16th March meeting: Activism against human rights and SRH; Pauline Latham MP's 25th February Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill and article in the news on the bill; Menstrual health waste management 1st March event: Understanding the menstruator; PET 2nd March event: Editing the human genome - where are we now? What happens next?; Plan International and SheDecides 2nd March event: Say it out loud – sexual wellbeing matters; International HPV awareness day campaign 4th March; SRHM poetry event 8th March: SR justice; IPPF IWD 8th March webinar: Celebrating women and girls bodily autonomy and empowerment; Abortion Rights 12th March event: The importance of international solidarity; APPG UN Global Goals for Sustainable Development 14th March AGM; The Pleasure Project 17th March webinar: Putting pleasure into action - how to do pleasure based sexual health; UNFPA's 30th March SWOP Report: Unintended pregnancies; The Guardian and The Independent articles on abortion; New Zealand and its telehealth abortion support system called 'Decide'; MSN News and New Zealand news site Stuff; The Guardian and The Telegraph articles on abortion travel agents' in Europe; The Guardian and Euronews articles on France and abortion limit extended from 12 to 14 weeks; Devex and Bond articles on the upcoming UK International Development Strategy, statement by the Foreign Secretary on ODA and focus on bilateral aid; Bond article on SDGs and how the UK stack up; FP2030 YouTube webinar: Advancing human rights in family planning - the agenda for the next decade and article on the HoL Demographic Change Bill.
- 1st March: Baroness Sugg received HoC PQs on telemedicine abortion.
- 4th March: All members received: Updates on IWD events and social media; IWD 9th March event with CARE International UK; APPG on PDRH and EPF 16th March briefing meeting on activism against human rights and SRR; WVD's 5th March women and vasectomy' lectures to celebrate their 10th anniversary; CSW 7th March GPA side event: Gender, SRR and climate change; IPPF 8th March IWD webinar: Celebrating women and girls bodily autonomy and empowerment; SRHM 8th March poetry for SR justice; UN observance of IWD 2022 event 8th March; the George's Institute 10th March event: Breaking the bias - gender transformative policies around the world; Abortion Rights 12th March meeting: The importance of international solidarity; CSW 14th – 25th March website; The Pleasure Project 17th March webinar: Putting pleasure into action; FIGO 17th March webinar: Covid-19 during pregnancy – an update; FP2030 24th March webinar: Family planning in a climate crisis - building resilience for women and girls; UNFPA's 30th March SWOP Report launch: Unintended pregnancies; articles on the UK Government's decision to end the provision for telemedical abortion in England in six months; article in Parliament Magazine, Byline and The Times on EPF Abortion Atlas; Alliance for Choice 2nd March launch: Lucht Cabhrach (Abortion Doula) service, a free service on abortions in NI; Euractiv report on SRHR in France; article in Arab News on Covid-19 in Lebanon and an increase in child marriages; series of articles on Covid-19 and its impact on women in Africa; AP News report on

FGM in Somali during lockdown; Catholics for Choice statement on Catholics support for abortion rights; Huffington Post article on abortion rights in USA and Biomed central study on access to preventive SRH care for women from refugee-like backgrounds.

- 8th March: Baroness Sugg received list of Conservative peers that have spoken on abortion in HoL.
- 8th March: Baroness Sugg and Baroness Hussein-Ece received Sarah Champion MP press release: Government obstructing scrutiny after misleading MPs on impacts aid cuts have on women and girls.
- March: Lynn Brown MP received link to numerous CSW SRHR events as requested.
- 10th March: Baroness Sugg received list of Conservative APPG on PDRH HoC members and Hansard search on MPs that have spoken on telemedicine abortion and abortion.
- 11th March: All members received: UK Government's leaked Equalities Assessment and articles in The Independent, The Telegraph and Politics.co.uk on the subject; WHO new guidelines on abortion; UNFPA summary briefing on their efforts in Ukraine; APPG on PDRH and EPF 16th March briefing event in HoL: Activism against human rights and SRH; Lord Kamall's letter to Baroness Sugg on hymenoplasty amendment in Health and Social Care Bill; APPG on PDRH 9th March stall at Care International IWD event: UK leadership on gender equality globally; CSW events 14th – 25th March including 14th webinar: Avenues to accountability for sexual violence in Myanmar, Menstrual health in time of crisis 15th March event; UNFPA, Ipas, RFSU 16th March event: Bodily autonomy – a fundamental right; SRHR 17th March event: The criticality of women's leadership; 22nd March webinar: Democracy without SRH is an empty promise; the Pleasure Project 17th March webinar: Putting pleasure into action; UNFPA, the African Union, the Government of Germany and UN Habitat 17th March webinar: 4D - urbanization and demographic dividend(s); FIGO 17th March webinar: Covid during pregnancy; FP2030 24th March webinar: Family planning in a climate crisis; UNFPA 30th March SWOP report launch; articles in Metro News, The Telegraph and Business Insider on maternity services in Ukraine; The Daily Mail article on Ukraine and home birth; articles in Yahoo, The Telegraph, The Independent and The Times on women and girls in Ukraine; article in The Independent on BPAS and abortion; article in The Mail on Sunday and The Independent on telemedicine; Amnesty International report on the deterioration of women's rights worldwide in 2021 - 2022; article in the Malta Independent on abortion; Devex article on gender bias in treatment for cervical cancer; EPF's pre-CSW parliamentary webinar: Gender, SRR and climate change on YouTube and Radio 4 programme: Controlling my birth control.
- 15th March: Baroness Northover and Baroness Barker received briefing for IWD debate HoL.
- 18th March: All members received: APPG on PDRH and EPF 16th March briefing meeting: Extremist funders against human rights; Baroness Sugg and Baroness Barker's telemedicine abortion amendment to UK Health Care Bill with articles in Politics.co.uk and The Telegraph; BPAS's campaign: Our last chance; UNFPA's 30th March SWOP report launch in UK HoC; CSW 14th – 25th March conference and side event on 22nd March: Charting transferability - advancing gender equality in the response to climate change; FCDO and Bangladesh Government et al. 22nd March side event: Equity and inclusion for adolescent girls everywhere - policy and advocacy approaches to promote disability; Democracy Without SRR is an Empty Promise, the connections between current global challenges, including climate change, conflict and the rise of authoritarianism; FP2030 24th March event on family planning in a climate crisis - building resilience for women and girls; APPG on PDRH and UNFPA SWOP 30th March report launch on unintended pregnancies; World Health Day 7th April; UNFPA's activities in Ukraine; the British Embassy Kyiv accepting project proposals on women's rights for the 2022 - 2023 financial year from NGOs; The Guardian and Grazia articles on UK waiting lists in the NHS; The Metro article on the coil waiting list in the NHS; Elle Magazine article on abortion; The Express, The Telegraph and Politics Home articles on telemedicine abortion amendment; Devex article on FCDO and development; Where democracy falters article on Human; The Telegraph article on Guatemala and sentences for women seeking abortion and same-sex marriage; and articles on NI and abortion and South Africa new ARV being approved.
- 25th March: All members received: UK HoC free vote on telemedicine abortion on 30th March, a UK SRHR Network telemedicine abortion campaign card, BPAS and MSI briefing on telemedicine; articles in SW Londoner, Stylist and Mumsnet and their Twitter campaigns encouraging users to email their MPs; Ribeiro-Addy MP EDM asking the UK Government to keep telemedicine; UNFPA SWOP report launch 30th March; APPG on PDRH Uganda study tour, AIDS2022 conference in Montreal, ICFP2022 conference in Pattaya City, Thailand; HoL Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum age) Bill second reading; Pathfinder CSW 30th March webinar: Tackling provider bias in contraceptive service; Countdown 2030 31st March webinar: Covid-19 and SRH and report launch; World Health Day 7th April and toolkit; International Day of the Midwife 5th May 2022 toolkit; International Day of Action for Women's Health 28th May; UK Government 'Safe To Be Me' conference; AIDS2022 conference 29th July

– 2nd August, Montreal, Canada; WHO guidelines on safe abortion and statement calling for decriminalization of safe abortion; WHO report on mistreatment of women during childbirth; the Guttmacher Institute, WHO and the UN's Human Reproduction programme estimated pregnancy and abortion rates for 150 countries; article on MSI's DRC, British Ambassador to DRC UK Aid-funded MSI ladies programme in Kinshasa; IPPF statement welcoming the proposed EU directive to combat VAG; Sarah Champion MP statement urging the UK Government to consider the IDC report on climate action; letter signed by 200 NGO representatives sent to the UK Foreign Secretary expressing their concerns on ODA cuts; articles in The Guardian and The Telegraph on proposed ODA cuts; UK Government's statement on commissioning abortion services in NI and BBC News and Belfast Telegraph report on NI abortion.

- 29th March: Baroness Sugg received The Telegraph article: Ending home abortions goes against WHO advice.

Please find disseminated weekly future business in Parliament with news, policy papers and briefing events/meetings and conferences enclosed at appendix 9

General Collaboration, Meetings and Correspondence

Enquiries to and about the APPG on PDRH and its parliamentary activities have been dealt with via email, over the phone and on virtual meetings and conference calls.

Collaboration and communications continue with a variety of national and international SRHR organisations and stakeholders including: UNFPA; IPPF; MSI; UK SRHR Network; Plan International UK; FSRH, RCOG; BPAS, Abortion Rights; Margaret Pyke, Forced marriage and FGM NGOs including FORWARD, Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation (IKWRO), Agency for Culture and Change Management UK (ACCM) and Girls Not Brides; and other NGOs, academic institutions and individuals working on SRHR and related health issues.

Collaborative activities of particular importance this year have been on UK Aid cuts, telemedical abortion in the UK and FCDO policy papers and international support for SRHR.

UNFPA



Numerous strategy meetings were held between APPG on PDRH and UNFPA this year. Baroness Sugg, Baroness Hussein-Ece and APPG on PDRH staff met with Matt Jackson and Yael Taka, UNFPA London staff in March 2021 (virtual) and in March 2022 in-person in HoC.

Ann Mette Kjaerby, APPG on PDRH Parliamentary and Policy Advisor met with Ragaa Seid, Strategic Partnerships Adviser for CSOs and Parliamentarians, UNFPA New York staff in November 2021 at the EPF Retreat, Barcelona, Spain.

In February 2022, APPG on PDRH and UNFPA London staff met in-person in the UK Parliament and in March 2022, a meeting was held (virtually) between APPG secretariats and Ian McFarlane, the new Director, Division of Communications and Strategic Partnership, UNFPA and UNFPA, New York staff.

In April 2022 Baroness Sugg and APPG on PDRH staff hosted a luncheon in HoC with Diene Keita, Deputy Executive Director and UNFPA London staff.

Topics discussed at above meetings included UNFPA and APPG on PDRH strategic direction and parliamentary activities. Of particular importance this year were discussions around UK ODA and its restoration including Andrew Mitchell MP's HoC amendment and APPG on PDRH letter writing to

FCDO Ministers. Joint events were also discussed including the July WPD reception, March IWD campaign activities including Baroness Berridge's letter, UNFPA 2021 SWOP report launch and forthcoming or published FCDO policy papers and APPG on PDRH study tours. UNFPA also prepared briefings for members including on UNFPA programme work in Ukraine. Also of interest and discussed were forthcoming conferences including the Gender Equality Forum, Safer to Be Me London conference and the twice-postponed family planning conference in Thailand. Lastly, the APPG on PDRH sent information to the new UN Partner portal as requested.

Please find sample communications enclosed at appendix 10

IPPF



Numerous strategy meetings and events were held between APPG on PDRH and IPPF this year. A virtual meeting went ahead between Baroness Sugg, APPG on PDRH staff and Alvero Bermejo, IPPF Director General, IPPF staff in April 2021 to discuss UK Aid cuts and joint actions. This resulted in collaborative press - and parliamentary advocacy activities (please see press and the parliamentary sections for further information).

In May 2021 Baroness Sugg signed the IPPF statement calling to permanently end the Global Gag Rule (GGR) and in spring 2022 numerous conversations and collaborative activities took place in connection with Baroness Sugg's amendments on telemedical abortion to the UK Health and Care Bill (please see press and the parliamentary sections for further information).

APPG on PDRH staff have been in regular communications throughout the year with IPPF staff to discuss UK ODA cuts and its restoration and parliamentary activities, joint parliamentary briefing meetings and receptions including WPD and COP26 receptions provisionally organised for July and November 2021, but both were subsequently cancelled due to altered Covid-19 restrictions in the UK Parliament.

In spring 2022 discussions took place in connection with CSW and Commission on Population and Development (CPD) and the forthcoming APPG on PDRH Uganda study tour co-hosted by IPPF and MSI.

Please find sample communications enclosed at appendix 11

MSI Reproductive Choices



APPG on PDRH and MSI staff have been in regular communications throughout the year. There have been collaborative activities on UK ODA cuts and its restoration, COP26 and telemedical abortion. In the spring 2022 MSI agreed to co-host the planned and forthcoming APPG on PDRH Uganda study tour to update current and recruit new APPG on PDRH members. Several meetings were held in preparation for the study tour including a virtual meeting with MSI and IPPF Uganda staff in February 2022.

Please find sample communications enclosed at appendix 12

UK SRHR Network



There have been regular communications between the APPG on PDRH and UK SRHR Network this year. A strategy meeting was held between Baroness Sugg, APPG on PDRH staff and UK SRHR Network members in April 2021 (virtual) to discuss

UK Aid cuts and UK SRHR Network FCDO financial asks.

Two briefings meetings were also organised to updated APPG on PDRH members on COP26 and FP/SRHR in October 2021 (virtual) and November 2021 on UK ODA and UK SRHR Network financial asks in HoC, London (please see APPG on PDRH briefing section for further information).

APPG on PDRH staff has attended numerous UK SRHR Network meetings this year (virtual) which has included updates from FCDO staff on their comms tool, '3 Es' (educating girls, empowering women and ending violence) and reports to be published including their Gender Vision update paper, Ending Preventable Deaths Action plan, HSS paper and the long-awaited ID Strategy.

Meetings attended also included strategic discussions on UK aid, SRHR and partnerships, international conferences, UK Generation, Equality Forum commitments and abortion; letter writing to ministers, PMNCH, year of the nurse/midwife, FIGO congress and APPG on PDRH parliamentary activities.

Numerous communications have also taken place via email and telephone in relation to the Guttmacher Institute report and press activities in October 2021, FCDO letter and November 2021 UK SRHR Network Key ask, in January 2022 on the newly appointed Minister Vicky Ford MP/Alex Sobel MP and the Equalities Assessment and on Population Matters and UK SRHR Network membership.

Please find sample communications enclosed at appendix 13

Plan International UK



Baroness Sugg and APPG on PDRH staff have been in regular communications throughout the year with Bekky Ashmore in her capacity as Plan International UK SRHR Policy and Advocacy Adviser/Global Youth Engagement Lead and UK SRHR Network co-chair. Most importantly she has forwarded, with little notice, numerous briefings to APPG on PDRH members in support of parliamentary debates and advocacy to have UK ODA restored.

Please find sample communications enclosed at appendix 14

BPAS, FSRH, RCOG, MSI

Baroness Sugg, Baroness Barker and Diana Johnson MP and APPG staff have held numerous strategic meetings this spring with BPAS, FSRH, RCOG and MSI to discuss and strategise on how to ensure that telemedical abortion becomes permanent in England after August 2022, when the service was due to end along with all other Covid-19 related policies.

Virtual meetings were held on 9th and 23rd February 2022 between Baroness Sugg, APPG on PDRH staff and BPAS, FSRH and MSI and on 2nd March 2022 an in-person meeting was held with Edward Morris, President -, Kate Lancaster, ED - and Zoe Russell, Public Affairs Officer RCOG in HoL.

The numerous meetings and discussions resulted in several op-eds and news articles on the subject, letter writing to ministers, oral and written PQs and debates on telemedical abortion and most importantly, Baroness Sugg and Baroness Barker tabled an amendment to the Health and Care Bill in March 2022 and on 17th March 2022 the debate secured a vote of 75 content and 25 not content to keep this service after Covid-19 restrictions end.

Prior to the Health and Care Bill debate and vote in the HoC, numerous briefings were disseminated to MPs from professional colleges including RCOG, SRHR NGOs, Durham University of Lawyers and WHO. On 24th March 2022 the APPG on PDRH hand delivered BPAS, MSI and RCOG telemedicine postcards to all MPs.

The HoC debate on 29th March saw the amendment to keep telemedical abortion permanent in England from August 2022 pass, with a vote of 215 to 188 against Government policy, This saw the biggest change to abortion care in England since 1967 Abortion Act and a huge win for pro-choice campaigners and women and girls in England.



The APPG on PDRH also communicated with many other SRHR and population experts and individuals this year, including:

- 15th April 2021: Emma Lawson, Director of Advocacy Cerebral Palsy Guide ([Cerebralpalsyguide.com](https://www.cerebralpalsyguide.com)) – discussion around APPG on PDRH website.

- 9th May 2021: Dr Amy McDonnell from Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) Bill Alliance, on CEE Bill - select members received their briefing.
- 24th June 2021: Marge Berer, Abortion Rights - select members signed the Women's Right to Safe Abortion [petition](#) demanding that Japan abolish its requirement for male permission to obtain abortion care.
- June 2021: Tina David, ex-UNFPA Sierra Leone staff - requesting to be added to APPG on PDRH invitation list.
- May – October 2021: David Johnson, ED, Population Sustainability Network and Margaret Pyke – discussions around NGO sign-on letter linking SRHR and climate change/adaptation (66 organisations signed)– letters sent to UK Cabinet Ministers b) NGO activities on COP26 and DFID SC examining UK government policy on deforestation and biodiversity loss.
- 21st June 2021: Caroline Green, White Ribbon Alliance – requested to be added to APPG on PDRH invitation list.
- June: Sadia Mir, Women's UN Report Network (WUNRN) – requested for Baroness Sugg to speak at WUNRN event on UK ODA, SDGs and women in politics.
- 27th June 2021: Maya Unnithan, Professor, School of Global Studies, Sussex University – requested APPG on PDRH summary activities for their newsletter on partnerships which was sent (APPG on PDRH Hearing Report on girls' education and SRHR).
- 17th September 2021: Abortion NGOs Human Rights Council 48 abortion campaign – Baroness Sugg and Baroness Hussein-Ece signed joint campaign statement on abortion.
- 18th – 26th September 2021: UK NGOs and the Great Big Green Week - Wednesday4Women communications– select members attended the Parliament Square photo opportunity and signed the letter to Alok Sharma MP, COP26 President on climate justice and equality.
- September 2021: Danya Agababian, Ladbury - request for APPG on PDRH to co-host event on Promundo's Fathers Report – event was organised but subsequently cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions in Parliament.
- 18th November 2021: Carly Churchill, Country Market Access & Policy Lead, UK and Ireland Organon Pharma – virtual meeting held with APPG on PDRH staff and included briefing on latest reproductive health developments and research.
- 8th December 2021: AfGH highlighted UK lack of pledge and support at the Nutrition for Growth Summit - Baroness Sugg tweeted on lack of UK pledge of support at the Summit.
- December 2021: Alistair Currie, Head of Campaign and Communications, Population Matters – discussion around publishing their new 'Welcome to Gilead' Report.
- 7th February 2022: Anne Philpott – discussions around latest research on sexual pleasure and SRHR and launch event with WHO and request for Baroness Sugg to speak at launch.
- February – March 2022: Kathryn Anne Hart, Senior Consultant and Dr Monique Vledder, Head of Secretariat, GFF – discussions around meeting with APPG on PDRH members.
- 2nd March 2022: Stephen Evans, CEO, National Secular Society - requested to be added to APPG on PDRH invitation list.
- 30th March 2022: Eylem Atakav, Professor of Film, Gender and Public Engagement, University of East Anglia – discussion on new film on Indigenous people's lives in Peru and advised to contact Gender and Development (GAD) Network for event in Parliament.
- March – April 2022: Marge Berer, Abortion Rights - communications about telemedicine vote in HoC and an article/post to be written on the subject.

Please find sample communications enclosed at appendix 15

Press

The APPG on PDRH continued its press activities with the aim of engaging new members and informing the public of its activities and position on SRHR. Activities included:

- 27th April 2021: Baroness Sugg was quoted in The Guardian article ‘Dominic Raab is challenged to admit 40% cuts to foreign aid for girls’ education’.
- March – June 2021: Baroness Sugg and Baroness Jenkin of Kennington were involved in solidarity actions and publicity around the G7 and attended the Wednesday for Women march to No. 10 Downing Street on 9th June 2021.



‘Wednesday for Women’ march to No. 10, 9th June 2021

- 14th April 2021: Baroness Sugg participated in EPF’s #MySRHRPromise social media campaign and was interviewed on BBC Radio 4 on UNFPA’s 85% funding cut.
- 1st May 2021: APPG on PDRH co-chairs drafted and disseminated a statement on UK Aid cuts - calling on the UK Government to reinstate 0.7% of GNI to ODA as soon as possible and set out a timeline for doing so.
- 14th May 2021: Pauline Latham MP was quoted in various articles including The Guardian on taking up the child marriage PMB:
- <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2021/jun/30/pauline-latham-mp-picks-up-bill-to-end-child-marriage-in-england-and-wales> and in articles in relation to the amendment by Andrew Mitchell on 0.7%.
- 3rd June 2021: Baroness Sugg was quoted in a piece on aid cuts in Chatham House: <https://www.chathamhouse.org/publications/the-world-today/2021-06/aid-budget-cruellest-cuts-will-hurt-britain>.
- 9th June 2021: APPG on PDRH issued a press release on its Hearing report launch: ‘12 years of quality education: How investing in SRHR helps keep girls in school’, containing information about the report and the launch. The press release was disseminated widely including via social media and Baroness Sugg published a piece on girls’ education in The Telegraph: <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/global-health/women-and-girls/world-looking-uk-step-not-step-back-support-girls-education/> and Harriett Baldwin MP had an op-ed on education in Devex: <https://www.devex.com/news/opinion-how-the-uk-can-still-lead-on-education-at-the-g-7-100128>.
- 30th June 2021: Pauline Latham MP was covered in the press in relation to taking up Sajid Javid MP’s child marriage PMB: <https://www.theguardian.com/global->

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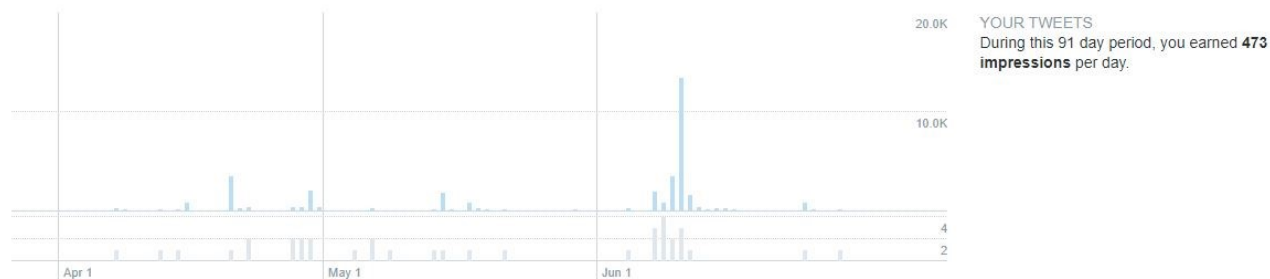
- 13th July 2021: Sarah Champion MP, Chair IDC issued a press release condemning the 'indefinite' aid cuts.
- 29th July 2021: Baroness Sugg and SheDecides published an expansive op-ed in Conservative Home on the need for CSE to keep girls in school, to achieve economic and social equality and sustainable development.
- 21st September 2021: Baroness Barker was quoted in The Independent criticising cuts to funding for the global fight on HIV and AIDS, putting decades of progress at risk
- 22nd September 2021: Baroness Sugg published an article in the House: 'Climate action must advance the rights of women and girls'.
- 12th October 2021: Baroness Sugg was quoted in a Huffington Post article and BBC online on the ban on virginity testing.
- 16th and 19th November 2021: Pauline Latham MP was quoted in The Guardian – and The Independent articles about her Marriage & Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill and also with Virendra Sharma MP in a BBC online article about the bill.
- 1st December 2021: RUSI and International Rescue Committee published a series of articles, for which Baroness Sugg authored an article on Feminist Foreign Policy.
- 25th January 2022: BBC Online and The Guardian reported on Baroness Sugg's hymenoplasty amendment.
- 25th February 2022: Pauline Latham MP was quoted in The Telegraph with Virendra Sharma MP and also in a Mail and iNews articles about her Marriage and Civil Partnership (minimum age) Bill.
- 7th March 2022: Baroness Sugg was profiled in Politics Home and referenced the APPG for PDRH.
- 8th March 2022: Baroness Barker co-authored an article with Florence Eshalomi for the House Magazine 'Women should not be forgotten in the UK HIV response'.
- 9th March 2022: Baroness Sugg and Sarah Champion MP had a piece in The Independent 'Voices: Britain's foreign aid cuts have hit women and girls hardest – they should be reversed'.
- 10th March 2022: Baroness Sugg was nominated for an IKWRO True Honour Award and Pauline Latham MP was the winner of special recognition of parliamentarian tackling "Honour" based abuse award.
- 15th and 16th March 2022: Baroness Sugg was quoted in a Politics Home article and a Telegraph article about telemedical abortion.
- 21st March 2022: Stylist Magazine ran an article about telemedical abortion.
- 28th March 2022: Baroness Sugg was quoted in a Telegraph article on telemedical abortion prior to HoC vote.

Please find sample disseminated press releases enclosed at appendix 16

Social media

The APPG on PDRH continued to use Twitter to promote parliamentary events and activities, including PQs, debates and PMBs. The tweets can be found on the APPG on PDRH Twitter feed @APPGPopDevRep.

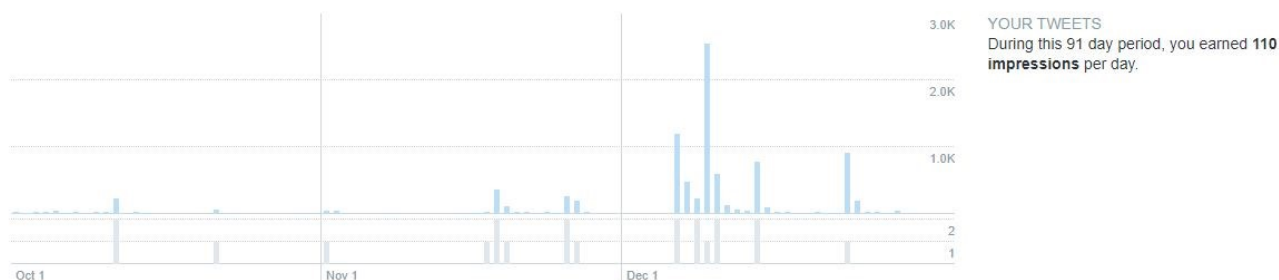
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Your Tweets earned **10.9K impressions** over this **91 day** period



Your Tweets earned **10.0K impressions** over this **91 day** period



Your Tweets earned **42.6K impressions** over this **90 day** period



Above: Graphs showing Twitter activity by 3-month period

Tweets have covered the following topics:

Retweeted Baroness Sugg Twitter thread of Devex article on closure of WISH programme; retweeted Baroness Jenkin retweet on closure of WISH programme; retweeted Pauline Latham MP's article in Politics Home criticising the aid cuts; retweeted WUNRN tweet advertising their webinar on backlash against women's rights during the Covid-19 pandemic;

retweeted Helen Grant MP tweet on educating girls in Uganda; retweeted Lewis Emmerton tweet of Devex article on UK aid cuts forcing closure of IPPF clinics; tweeted about importance of SRHR for World Health Day; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet on importance of SRHR to building back better; retweeted EPF tweet on importance of SRHR for World Health Day; retweeted Helen Grant MP tweet of Guardian article on global education crisis; retweeted EPF tweet on preventing maternal deaths for International Day for Maternal Health & Rights; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet on G7 Gender Equality Advisory Council; tweeted Guardian article on threat to WISH programme; retweeted Girls' Education Challenge tweet advertising their webinar; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet on 2020 UK aid stats; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet on UNFPA SWOP report on bodily autonomy; retweeted EPF tweet of Baroness Sugg's #MySRHRPromise; retweeted Planned Parenthood Global tweet on UNFPA SWOP report on bodily autonomy; retweeted Alok Sharma MP FT article on tackling climate change with comment on importance of SRHR to fighting climate change; retweeted Sarah Champion MP tweet on Foreign Secretary's testimony before the IDC; retweeted Countdown2030Europe tweet on SRHR for Earth Day; retweeted UK SRHR Network tweet on cuts to SRHR and their setback to gender equality; retweeted Girls' Education Challenge tweet advertising their webinar series; retweeted House of Commons tweet on Andrew Mitchell MP's urgent question on ODA; retweeted Lords International Relations & Defence Committee tweet on Foreign Secretary's testimony on foreign aid cuts; retweeted Helen Grant MP's tweet on challenges to girls' education, including early marriage and young pregnancy in Nigeria; retweeted Sir Peter Bottomley MP tweet on cuts to ODA; tweeted Guardian article on Baroness Sugg's challenge to Foreign Secretary on UK aid; retweeted another Guardian article on UK aid cuts including comment from Baroness Sugg; retweeted Baroness Hussein-Ece tweet about Baroness Sugg on Radio 4's Today programme with a link to the interview; retweeted Sarah Hyde tweet of BBC News article on cuts to UNFPA; retweeted Sky News video clip of Baroness Sugg interview on aid cuts; retweeted Sarah Champion MP tweet on cuts to UNFPA claims made by the Foreign Secretary on ending preventable maternal, new-born and child deaths; retweeted MSI statement on aid cuts; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet of Sky News interview clip; retweeted IPPF Global tweet of Sky News article on aid cuts and access to SRH services; retweeted Joke Lannoye tweet of Bekky Ashmore on BBC News speaking about aid cuts; retweeted MSI tweet of Sarah Shaw addressing aid cuts on BBC radio; retweeted RCOG statement on cuts to UNFPA; retweeted Stephen Doughty MP tweet about cuts to UNAIDS; retweeted UN News article on effect of cuts to UNFPA; retweeted APPG SRH tweet on abortion in NI; retweeted EPF tweet of Devex article on UNFPA cuts; retweeted EPF tweet on effect of UK's cuts to SRHR programmes; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet of BBC News article on girls' education and gender at the G7; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet of Telegraph article on hypocrisy of 'global Britain'; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet advertising UK launch of UNFPA's SWOP report; retweeted IKWRO tweet of Guardian article on child marriage in the UK; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet on UNFPA's SWOP report launch; retweeted Alice Chilcott thread on Baroness Sugg's comments during UNFPA's UK SWOP launch; retweeted IDC tweet about their call for written evidence on the future of UK aid; tweeted Guardian article on global shortage of midwives for International Day of the Midwife; retweeted Baroness Hussein-Ece tweet on introducing PMB on child marriage in the UK; retweeted MSI tweet of Sarah Shaw's interview on cuts to SRHR on BBC Radio; tweeted Guardian article on risk of famine due to UK aid cuts; retweeted Will Worley tweet of UK aid cuts tracker on Devex; retweeted FCDO tweet on girls' education funding commitments with comment on how cuts to SRHR programmes undermine ambitions on girls' education; retweeted UK SRHR Network tweet on FCDO's Girls' Education Action Plan and need to restore funding to SRHR; tweeted APPG on PDRH's statement on the aid cuts, Retweeted ICM President tweet announcing launch of the State of the World's Midwifery 2021 report; retweeted MSI tweet about contraception and girls' education; retweeted Sarah Hyde tweet about UN Special Rapporteur's call for contributions on the right to sexual and reproductive health during Covid-19; retweeted Dame Diana Johnson retweet of Dr Rupa Huq MP's amendment to the Police, Crime Sentencing and Courts Bill to criminalise interference with access to abortion services; tweeted Guardian article about the aid cut process; retweeted Baroness Sugg's speech in response to the Queen's Speech on need for global vaccinations, girls' education and climate; retweeted Sarah Champion's tweet of Guardian article on girls' education and need to reverse aid cuts; retweeted UNFPA tweet on menstrual health symposium; retweeted Will Worley tweet on Samantha Power's assessment of UK aid cuts; retweeted Countdown 2030 Europe tweet on Menstrual Health Day 2021; retweeted EPF tweet on Menstrual Health Day 2021; retweeted Will Worley on funding cut to ICAI; retweeted Countdown 2030 Europe tweet of SRHR in humanitarian crises factsheet; retweeted EPF tweet about APPG on PDRH report launch; retweeted Baroness Sugg's Chatham House article on need to return to 0.7%; tweeted about school drop out and report launch; tweeted thread on girls' education and report launch; retweeted IDC letter from Foreign Secretary on aid cuts; retweeted FIGO tweet about webinar on women's healthcare during the Covid-19 pandemic; retweeted APPG on HIV and AIDS tweet of joint letter on aid cuts to the PM; retweeted Maya Oppenheim article in The Independent on maternal deaths caused by UK aid cuts; retweeted UK SRHR Network tweet publicising APPG on PDRH report launch; tweeted thread on APPG on PDRH report launch and climate change; retweeted Will Worley article on multipartisan call for vote on aid cuts; retweeted CARE International tweet of letter signed by APPG members on gender equality and aid cuts; retweeted APPG SRH tweet on ending legal barriers to abortion; retweeted MSI tweet of new data on girls' education and SRHR; tweeted press release about report launch; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet on report launch; tweeted thank you to contributors and link to report and video of launch; retweeted Helen Grant MP tweet about report launch; retweeted Florence Blondel tweet on the report launch; retweeted Population Matters' tweet on APPG on PDRH report; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet of Telegraph article on girls' education; retweet

Helen Grant MP tweet about UK commitment to girls' education made at G7 Summit; retweeted Sarah Champion tweet of Times article on Sajid Javid MP's PMB on the minimum marriage age; retweet IKWRO thread on minimum marriage age bill; retweeted Girls' Education Challenge tweet about their webinar series on girls' education during Covid-19; retweeted Countdown 2030 Europe tweet on climate justice, SRHR and gender equality; retweeted Baroness Hussein-Ece tweet of Sajid Javid discussing minimum marriage age bill on Sky News; retweeted IDC report on the future of UK aid highlighting delays and poor communication from FCDO about aid cuts; retweeted Baroness Sugg on EPF high-level parliamentary consultation event on putting gender back at the centre of Covid-19 response; retweeted FIGO tweet about webinar on addressing the supply of abortion services; retweeted Baroness Hussein-Ece retweet of Terry Reinke video on abortion and bodily autonomy; retweeted RCOG on vote to liberalise abortion law in Gibraltar; retweeted Helen Grant MP tweet on Tanzania allowing pregnant girls to return to school with link to report; retweeted IDC tweet on effect of SRHR aid cuts in Pakistan; retweeted IKWRO tweet of Sajid Javid MP tweet on child marriage PMB; retweeted Hannah Summers (journalist) tweet of Guardian article on Pauline Latham MP taking up child marriage PMB; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet on new funding for women and girls from the Gates Foundation, US Aid, Canada and France; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet on reasons against cutting UK aid; retweeted House of Lords tweet on UK foreign aid debate in the HoL on 2 July; retweeted Sarah Champion MP tweet of Times article on forcing vote on aid cuts; retweeted Sarah Champion MP tweet on Virendra Sharma MP's question on climate change and gender during IDC session; retweeted Will Worley (Devex) article on FCDO commitment to consult experts on UK's new development strategy; retweeted Jennifer Sciubba tweet of Project Syndicate article on pandemic-related disruptions to family planning; retweeted Baroness Sugg thread of BBC article on Gates et al. stepping in to cover UK aid cuts to SRHR; retweeted UNESCO Health & Education Resource Centre tweet about APPG on PDRH report on girls' education and SRHR; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet on access to voluntary family planning for World Population Day; retweeted Baroness Sugg's thread on 0.7% vote in the Commons; retweeted Helen Thompson tweet on Pauline Latham MP's speech during the 0.7% debate in the Commons; retweeted Bond tweet on Pauline Latham MP's speech during the 0.7% debate in the Commons; retweeted Bond statement on failed 0.5% vote in the Commons; retweeted Margaret Pyke Trust tweet of Andrew Mitchell MP's op-ed in The Times on expanding climate change funding to include SRHR spending; retweeted Pauline Latham MP's tweet for 7th Day of Memory for Victims of 'Honour-based' Abuse; retweeted Sir Peter Bottomley MP's tweet on 0.7% vote in the Commons and procedural questions; retweeted FT UK Politics tweet of editorial 'The flimsy case for cutting UK foreign aid'; retweeted CARE International tweet on effect of aid cuts on women and girls; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet on funding for Global Partnership for Education, Retweeted CHASE Africa tweet of APPG on PDRH tweet on girls' education report launch; retweeted IPPF Global letter before action on unlawful cuts to the aid budget; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet of APPG SRH tweet on telemedicine abortion; retweeted Bekky Ashmore tweet of Plan International event on CSE; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet on abortion in NI; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet on Global Partnership for Education summit; retweeted UK SRHR Network tweet of event on CSE; retweeted Plan International tweet on Helen Grant MP's promotion of CSE; tweeted hearing report on girls' education and SRHR links to promote Global Education Summit; tweeted Baroness Sugg article in Conservative Home on importance of CSE; retweeted Baroness Hussein-Ece tweet on plight of women in Afghanistan; tweeted Guardian article on using climate fund to pay for family planning; retweeted FIGO recording of webinar on surgical abortion and overcoming barriers to safe abortion; tweeted job recruitment info; retweeted Abortion Rights tweet about March for Choice; retweeted Dr Natalia Kanem tweet on risk to women and girls in Afghanistan; retweeted APPG SRH tweet on protecting Afghan women and girls' access to SRH; retweeted IPPF European Network tweet on phasing out of abortion services in Romania; retweeted Nerida Williams tweet of IPPF article on why women and girls are the worst affected by humanitarian crises; tweeted about job recruitment; retweeted BPAS tweet on telemedicine abortion campaign; retweeted Pauline Latham MP tweet on banning virginity testing and hymenoplasty; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet on banning virginity testing and hymenoplasty; retweeted Baroness Sugg video of oral question on risk to women who have been active in civil society in Afghanistan; retweeted UNFPA tweet about global leaders event on justice and development for people of African descent; retweeted Girls' Education Challenge tweet about event on evidence collection during the pandemic; tweeted thread about telemedicine abortion access; retweeted DSW International tweet about Donors Delivering for SRHR event; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet promoting Donors Delivering for SRHR event; retweeted DSW International tweet about Donors Delivering for SRHR report with Baroness Sugg quote; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet of article on the exclusion of girls from secondary schools in Afghanistan; tweeted BBC News article about pregnant women, new mothers and infants bearing the brunt of the healthcare crisis in Afghanistan; retweeted APPG LGBT+ tweet about Baroness Barker's comments in an Independent article on the detrimental impact of the aid cuts on the global fight against HIV and AIDS; tweeted thread about Baroness Barker's comments in an Independent article on the detrimental impact of the aid cuts on the global fight against HIV and AIDS; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet about WednesdayForWomen and article in The House magazine on the need for climate action to advance the rights of women and girls; retweeted Pauline Latham MP tweet about WednesdayForWomen and climate action and gender justice; retweeted EPF tweet about Dame Diana Johnson's participation in EPF's access to contraception event; retweeted Will Worley tweet of Devex article on FCDO's annual report; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet on aid cuts to family planning and private philanthropists stepping in to fill in the gaps; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet for World Contraception Day; tweeted about World Contraception Day; retweeted Countdown2030Europe tweet about breaking down barriers to

contraception for World Contraception Day; retweeted EPF tweet for launch of European abortion policies atlas marking International Safe Abortion Day; retweeted EPF's European abortion policies atlas showing disparity between NI and the rest of the UK for International Safe Abortion Day; retweeted BPAS thread on telemedicine abortion campaign; retweeted EPF recording of World Contraception Day event with Dame Diana Johnson; retweeted APPG SRH tweet on access to safe abortion in NI; Retweeted Baroness Sugg Twitter thread of Devex article on closure of WISH programme; retweeted Baroness Jenkin tweet on closure of WISH programme; retweeted Pauline Latham MP article in Politics Home criticising the aid cuts; retweeted WUNRN tweet advertising their webinar on backlash against women's rights during the Covid-19 pandemic; retweeted Helen Grant MP tweet on educating girls in Uganda; retweeted Lewis Emmerton tweet of Devex article on UK aid cuts forcing closure of IPPF clinics; tweeted about importance of SRHR for World Health Day; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet on importance of SRHR to building back better; retweeted EPF tweet on importance of SRHR for World Health Day; retweeted Helen Grant MP tweet of Guardian article on global education crisis; retweeted EPF tweet on preventing maternal deaths for International Day for Maternal Health & Rights; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet on G7 Gender Equality Advisory Council; tweeted Guardian article on threat to WISH programme; retweeted Girls' Education Challenge tweet advertising their webinar; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet on 2020 UK aid stats; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet on UNFPA SWOP report on bodily autonomy; retweeted EPF tweet of Baroness Sugg's #MySRHRPromise; retweeted Planned Parenthood Global tweet on UNFPA SWOP report on bodily autonomy; retweeted Alok Sharma MP FT article on tackling climate change with comment on importance of SRHR to fighting climate change; retweeted Sarah Champion MP tweet on Foreign Secretary's testimony before the IDC; retweeted Countdown2030Europe tweet on SRHR for Earth Day; retweeted UK SRHR Network tweet on cuts to SRHR and their setback to gender equality; retweeted Girls' Education Challenge tweet advertising their webinar series; retweeted House of Commons tweet on Andrew Mitchell MP's urgent question on ODA; retweeted Lords International Relations & Defence Committee tweet on Foreign Secretary's testimony on foreign aid cuts; retweeted Helen Grant MP's tweet on challenges to girls' education, including early marriage and young pregnancy in Nigeria; retweeted Sir Peter Bottomley MP tweet on cuts to ODA; tweeted Guardian article on Baroness Sugg's challenge to Foreign Secretary on UK aid; retweeted another Guardian article on UK aid cuts including comment from Baroness Sugg; retweeted Baroness Hussein-Ece tweet about Baroness Sugg on Radio 4's Today programme with a link to the interview; retweeted Sarah Hyde tweet of BBC News article on cuts to UNFPA; retweeted Sky News video clip of Baroness Sugg interview on aid cuts; retweeted Sarah Champion MP tweet on cuts to UNFPA claims made by the Foreign Secretary on ending preventable maternal, new-born and child deaths; retweeted MSI statement on aid cuts; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet of Sky News interview clip; retweeted IPPF Global tweet of Sky News article on aid cuts and access to SRH services; retweeted Joke Lannoye tweet of Bekky Ashmore on BBC News speaking about aid cuts; retweeted MSI tweet of Sarah Shaw addressing aid cuts on BBC radio; retweeted RCOG statement on cuts to UNFPA; retweeted Stephen Doughty MP tweet about cuts to UNAIDS; retweeted UN News article on effect of cuts to UNFPA; retweeted APPG SRH tweet on abortion in NI; retweeted EPF tweet of Devex article on UNFPA cuts; retweeted EPF tweet on effect of UK's cuts to SRHR programmes; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet of BBC News article on girls' education and gender at the G7; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet of Telegraph article on hypocrisy of 'global Britain'; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet advertising UK launch of UNFPA's SWOP report; retweeted IKWRO tweet of Guardian article on child marriage in the UK; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet on UNFPA's SWOP report launch; retweeted Alice Chilcott thread on Baroness Sugg's comments during UNFPA's UK SWOP launch; retweeted IDC tweet about their call for written evidence on the future of UK aid; tweeted Guardian article on global shortage of midwives for International Day of the Midwife; retweeted Baroness Hussein-Ece tweet on introducing PMB on child marriage in the UK; retweeted MSI tweet of Sarah Shaw's interview on cuts to SRHR on BBC Radio; tweeted Guardian article on risk of famine due to UK aid cuts; retweeted Will Worley tweet of UK aid cuts tracker on Devex; retweeted FCDO tweet on girls' education funding commitments with comment on how cuts to SRHR programmes undermine ambitions on girls' education; retweeted UK SRHR Network tweet on FCDO's Girls' Education Action Plan and the need to restore funding to SRHR; tweeted APPG on PDRH's statement on the aid cuts.

Parliamentary Statements, Legislation, Debates, Questions and EDMs

The UK Government's decision in November 2020 to cut the amount spent on ODA from 0.7% to 0.5% of GNI, thereby breaking a Conservative Party manifesto commitment, happened without wide consultation and resulted in swinging cuts to development programmes, including an estimated 85% cut to SRHR programmes, like WISH and the UNFPA Supplies Partnership.

In November 2021 Liz Truss MP, the new SoS for FCDO, announced that the UK will restore gender equality funding to pre-cut ODA levels as part of her vision to put women and girls at the heart of the

UK's new International Development Assistance Strategy. The full impact on SRHR funding is still to be determined.

Other issues that have occupied members this year were the Domestic Abuse Bill, which finally became an Act in April 2021 and the Marriage and Civil Partnership (minimum age) PMB, which became an Act in April 2022 and ensured the UK ratification of the Istanbul Convention in July 2022. Parliament also continued its fight this year on Abortion (Northern Ireland) Regulations and was successful in ensuring the provision of telemedical abortion in England after the Covid-19 pandemic policy ended in August 2022. Banning virginity testing and hymenoplasty was also a great achievement, as was pressure on the UK Government to focus on SRHR in its published policy paper including Ending Preventable Deaths Action plan.

APPG on PDRH members' engagement in parliamentary activities in relation to UK ODA, ending GBV, defending sexual and reproductive health services and abortion rights and supporting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been via amendments to Bills, debates, Early Day Motions (EDMs), PMBs and PQs. Below you will find relevant summarised statements, legislation, debates, EDMs and PQs. Full information and transcripts are available on the APPG on PDRH's website www.appg-pdrh.uk. Please note that not all activities below and on website are attributed to the APPG on PDRH.

House of Commons

Oral Ministerial Statements

Speakers Statement – 7th June 2021

The Speaker made a statement that under the International Development (ODA Target) Act 2015, it was the duty of the SoS to ensure that the target for ODA to the amount of 0.7% of GNI is met by the United Kingdom (UK) each year. Until now, however, the House has not had an opportunity for a decisive vote on maintaining the UK's commitment to the statutory target of 0.7%. He said that he expected the Government to find a way to have this important matter debated and to allow the House to formally take an effective decision.

G7 and NATO Summits – 16th June 2021

The PM made a statement on the G7 summit in Carbis Bay and the NATO summit in Brussels. He mentioned that an agreement has been made to work to get another 40 million girls into school by 2025 and that the G7 had agreed to provide more than half of the \$5 billion sought by the Global Partnership for Education and that £430 million will come from the UK. Andrew Mitchell MP questioned the PM on the Government's decision to decrease foreign aid, claiming that it will also lead to more than 100,000 avoidable deaths, principally among women and children. Ed Davey MP claimed that the amount we spend on girls' education has actually been cut by 40% this year. The PM replied that the UK is not cutting spending on girls' education, but actually increasing it by at least 15%.

End-to-End Rape Review – 21st June 2021

The Lord Chancellor and SoS for Justice, Robert Buckland MP, made a statement that the national criminal justice board had commissioned the first ever end-to-end review of how the criminal justice system handles rape cases. The rape review report and action plan outlines how the Government will

act on its findings to deliver much needed improvements, building confidence in the system and encouraging more victims to come forward. APPG on PDRH member Harriett Harman MP pointed out that one of the main things that deters victims from coming-forward was the dragging-out of their sexual history in court and that this needed to be taken into consideration.

Strategy for Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls – 22nd July 2021

The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (PUSS) for the Home Department, Victoria Atkins MP, made a statement on the Government's strategy for tackling VAWG. She claimed that the new strategy "sets out action to prioritise prevention, support victims, pursue perpetrators and help to make sure the police, education, local authorities, prison and probation services and others work together more effectively". She said that the Government would be launching a multi-million-pound national communications campaign with a focus on targeting perpetrators and harmful misogynistic attitudes, educating young people about healthy relationships and ensuring that victims can access support. In addition to this, she announced that the Government will also launch a specific safety of women at night fund worth £5 million to ensure that women do not face violence in public spaces at night. The Government will support initiatives that target potential perpetrators or seek to protect potential victims and build on the additional £25 million that they are investing this year into the safer streets fund. The Home Office (HO) will also pilot a tool, StreetSafe, which will enable the public to report areas anonymously where they feel unsafe and identify what about the location made them feel this way. This data will be used to inform local decision making. The Government will also invest in a "What Works" fund to build up evidence on the most effective approaches and measures.

G20 and COP26 World Leaders Summit – 3rd November 2021

The PM made a statement on the G20 summit in Rome and updated the House on the COP26 Summit in Glasgow. The PM spoke of the necessity of keeping to the pledge to restrain the increase in World temperatures to 1.5% and said that the recent G20 The summit last weekend had "encouraging evidence" that the political will to do this exists. He said that 18 countries in the G20 had made specific commitments to achieve net zero and in the Rome declaration last Sunday every member acknowledged "the key relevance of achieving global net zero greenhouse gas emissions or carbon neutrality by or around mid-century". To that end the participants had agreed to stop financing new international unabated coal projects by the end of this year—a vital step towards consigning coal to history—and every member of the Summit had repeated their commitment to the Paris target of 1.5. The PM said that the Government had not cut their investment in ODA for climate change funding, which had been kept at £11.6 billion.

COP26 – 15th November 2021

The PM, Boris Johnson, read a statement on the recent COP26 Meeting in Glasgow, saying that the summit had succeeded in 'Calling time on coal' as a global commitment to phasing down its usage was reached. He announced that an agreement to phase out the making of carbon emissions vehicles by 2035 was also reached, he admitted that there was still a long way to go, but said that he was optimistic. Sir Keir Starmer MP said that the PM was dressing up modest private sector commitments as transformational and that an agreement to 'phase down' coal was meaningless. APPG on PDRH member Caroline Lucas MP asked if the PM would demonstrate the UK's commitment by requesting an urgent and transparent audit by the Office for Budget Responsibility, independent of the Treasury, of all our own domestic fossil fuel subsidies, with a view to phasing them out as soon as possible. Steve Brine MP asked the PM to commit his Government to using every resource at their disposal to finish the job on coal. Dr Ben Spencer MP claimed that a huge increase in the science, technology,

research and development workforce would be necessary and asked the PM to update the House on the work the Government were doing to improve and enhance careers and training in STEM and to break down barriers for women and people from marginalised backgrounds to taking on those careers.

Ockenden Report – 30th March 2022

Sajid Javid MP, The SoS for Health and Social Care made a statement on the Ockenden Report, the independent review set up in 2017 in response to concerns from bereaved families about maternity care at Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust. The Minister apologised to the families affected by the failures of the Trust, saying that the report clearly showed that they were failed by a service that was there to help them and their loved ones to bring life into this world. He said that the Government would make the changes that the report says are needed, at both a local and national level.

Please find relevant text of oral ministerial statements enclosed at appendix 17

Written Ministerial Statements

Official Development Assistance Budget 2021-2022 – 21st April 2021

The SoS for FCDO, Dominic Raab MP updated the house on the conclusion of the FCDO's internal business planning process to allocate their budget for 2021-22 in accordance with UK strategic priorities. He named the UK's seven priorities as:

- Climate and biodiversity - In total, the FCDO will deliver more than £941 million of activities this year, across all themes that count towards the UK's flagship £11.6 billion international climate finance target.
- Global health security - FCDO will spend £1,305 million on global health. We will focus on the UK's position at the forefront of the international response to Covid-19, through our commitments to COVAX, GAVI and WHO and through bilateral spend where the need is greatest in Africa.
- Girls' education - FCDO will spend £400 million on girls' education.
- Humanitarian preparedness and response - FCDO will spend £906 million to maintain the UK's role as a force for good at times of crisis.
- Science and Technology - FCDO will make £251 million of R&D investments across all seven themes of this strategy, with £38 million targeted directly at science and technology.
- Open societies and conflict resolution - . FCDO will spend £419 million to harness the UK's unique strengths in conflict management and resolution and to project our support for democratic values and institutions, human rights and freedom of religious belief.
- Economic development and trade - FCDO will spend £491 million to support new trade relationships with developing country partners.

Desogestral - A progesterone-only contraceptive – to be available to purchase from pharmacies - 8th July 2021

Jo Churchill MP, PUSS for Prevention, Public Health and Primary Care, made a statement that officials in the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) had granted two marketing authorisations to allow the supply through pharmacies of the progestogen-only oral contraceptive – Desogestrel – as an over-the-counter medicine. This will enable women to purchase a progestogen-only contraceptive from a pharmacy following a consultation with the pharmacist.

Treasury Update – 12th July 2021

Rishi Sunak MP, The Chancellor of the Exchequer, made a statement on the state of the economy. He announced that the Government had provided £400 billion of total support for the economy since the start of the pandemic and that the damage inflicted on the economy and the public finances by Coronavirus had been immense. He claimed that it was the biggest recession in 300 years. He informed the House that last year we had borrowed nearly £300bn – equivalent to 14.3 per cent of GDP – the highest since World War II and that debt as a percentage of GDP had reached nearly 100 per cent, the highest since 1962. This year, he said, we are forecast to borrow the second highest amount on record during peacetime – second only to last year. He said that the Government would have to take difficult decisions to get borrowing down and restore the public finances – including increasing corporation tax, freezing income tax personal thresholds and maintaining public sector pay at current levels. As a result of this the ODA would need to stay at 0.5% of GDP until circumstances allowed it to be increased back to the pre-pandemic level of 0.7%.

Publication of the Government response to the Report of The Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review (IMMDS Review) - 21st July 2021

Lord Bethell MP, Minister for Innovation, read a statement from Nadine Dorries MP, Minister for Patient Safety, Suicide Prevention and Mental Health, to announce to the House the publication of the government's full response to the IMMDS review. The Government have accepted four of the nine strategic recommendations in full, one in principle and two in part. They have also accepted 46 of the 50 Actions for Improvement in full or in principle, one in part and one remains under consideration. The Government do not accept two of the Actions for Improvement. The Minister said in conclusion "We cannot ignore the fact that the Report of the IMMDS Review is one of several independent reports and inquiries to have concluded that our healthcare system disproportionately fails to listen to women and keep them safe. This government is determined to change this, not least through our work to develop the first ever Women's Health Strategy for England later this year".

The Abortion Services Directions 2021 - 22nd July 2021

Brandon Lewis MP, SoS for NI, issued a directive to the Department of Health, the Minister of Health, the Health and Social Care Board and to the First and deputy First Minister, to commission and make abortion services available in NI as soon as possible and no later than 31 March 2022. He also directed that there should be immediate support for interim services of early medical abortion, which are at risk of collapse. The Minister reminded the House that the Government had laid down the Abortion (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020, which came into force on 31 March 2020 and that following this in March 2021, they had taken a further step and made the Abortion (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2021, because a year after the 2020 Regulations were made women and girls in NI were still unable to access high-quality abortion and post-abortion care in NI in all the circumstances allowed by the Regulations made on 31 March 2020. He announced a deadline for the availability of commissioned services of 31 March 2022 to account for the Department of Health's estimate that it would take 8-12 months to make fully commissioned CEDAW compliant services available.

Istanbul Convention Ratification: 2021 Report on Progress – 1st November 2021

Rachel Maclean MP, PUS for Safeguarding, informed the House that the Government has today laid before Parliament and published the fifth annual report on the UK's progress toward the ratification of the CoE Convention on Combatting Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence (the "Istanbul Convention"). She said that the Government remains committed to ratifying the Convention and that

the report sets out the work undertaken by the UK Government and the Devolved Administrations to tackle VAWG since the 2020 Report on Progress, as well as the last remaining barriers to ratification.

Work of the Home Department – 16th December 2021

Statement by Priti Patel MP, SoS for the HO, updated Parliament on HO delivery over the last twelve months. As part of the update she spoke about the Tackling VAWG Strategy, which plans to set out plans to increase support for victims and survivors, increase the number of perpetrators brought to justice and reduce the prevalence of VAWG in the long term. She announced that following the tragic murder of Sarah Everard immediate measures taken had included the creation of the new online tool ‘StreetSafe’, which provides women and girls with a way to anonymously and quickly pinpoint areas where they have felt unsafe and say why. She stated that the appointment in September of Deputy Chief Constable Maggie Blyth as the National Police Lead for VAWG means that police action in this vital area is now being coordinated across England and Wales and that in June the Government had published the end-to-end rape review report on findings and actions, in which they committed to deliver lasting improvements to the way the UK investigate and prosecute rape so that victims are properly supported. Furthermore, she maintained that The Domestic Abuse Act, which gained Royal Assent this year, would provide for a wide-ranging legal definition of domestic abuse and deliver important new protections and support for victims, such as ensuring that abusers can no longer directly cross-examine their victims in the family and civil courts and also gives police new powers, including Domestic Abuse Protection Notices which provide victims with immediate protection from abusers.

Our Vision for the Women’s Health Strategy in England – 5th January 2022

Maria Caulfield MP, PUSS (Minister for Patient Safety and Primary Care), made a statement on the Government’s Vision for the Women’s Health Strategy for England, which was published on 23 December 2021 and sets out the Government’s ambitions and next steps for women’s health, mapped against the Women’s Health Strategy Call for Evidence. She stated that the Vision was informed by the evidence received in the Call for Evidence, a public survey which received nearly 100,000 responses. She told the House that in July the Government response to the Cumberlege report had been published, which focused on how the system listens to women when they raise concerns about their health and safety and that this included amendments to the charging regulations to reduce the cost burden of HRT for menopausal women and a new UK-wide menopause taskforce. The Minister reminded the House that earlier this year, the Government had committed to banning virginity testing in the strategy for Tackling VAWG and that they had delivered on this commitment by bringing forward a government amendment to the Health and Care Bill to ban Virginity Testing, which was passed unopposed in the House. She also called attention to the publication of the analytical report of the Call for Evidence and Our Vision for the Women’s Health Strategy for England, which sets out the findings from the public survey. She named the overall top five topics respondents wanted to see prioritized for inclusion in the Women’s Health Strategy as gynaecological conditions, fertility, pregnancy, pregnancy loss and post-natal support, the menopause, menstrual health and mental health. She announced that the Government will follow up with the full Women’s Health Strategy in spring 2022 and will set out in detail plans for meeting the specific health needs of women throughout the different stages of their lives and that to support this, they will appoint the first ever Women’s Health Ambassador for England.

20th Replenishment of International Development Association – 22nd February 2022

Liz Truss MP, SoS for FCDO, informed the House that the UK would shortly publish its International Development Strategy and that the FCDO will publish its ODA allocations. As part of this, she announced, they would be rebalancing the aid budget towards bilateral programmes to “give the UK greater control and flexibility over how taxpayers’ money is spent”. She informed the House that in December 2021, the UK had pledged £1,414 million to the 20th Replenishment of the World Bank’s International Development Association (IDA20) in order to support Covid-19 vaccines, tackle climate change, get girls back into school and promote women’s economic empowerment. This pledge is a reduction of 54% compared to the UK’s previous pledge to the 19th Replenishment. This, she claimed, would allow the UK focus funding on UK bilateral programmes and control how exactly taxpayer’s money is used to support our priorities. The World Bank has committed to; provide health services to over 285 million people; close learning gaps and improve learning outcomes for girls in 20 IDA countries; support IDA countries to contain the Covid-19 pandemic; ensure that at least 35% of IDA financing tackles climate change; fully align World Bank IDA operations with the Paris Agreement by 2023; support women’s empowerment, by expanding access to affordable sexual and reproductive, adolescent and maternal health services, in at least 30 IDA countries; support all IDA countries to strengthen preparedness for future crises and mobilise private sector investment to create jobs in IDA countries.

Health Update – 24th February 2022

Maggie Throup MP, PUSS (Minister for Vaccines and Public Health), announced a six-month extension to the temporary arrangements for the provision of early medical abortion put in place during the Covid pandemic and that after this time the Government have decided that the service should be ended. The replacement temporary measure will end at midnight on 29/08/22. She announced that the measure would be kept under review.

Northern Ireland Update – 24th March 2022

Brandon Lewis MP, SoS for NI, gave an update on the Abortion (Northern Ireland) 2020 Regulations. He said that two years after Regulations established the framework for abortion services, women and girls are still unable to access high-quality abortion and post-abortion care in NI. He explained that recent events, such as the resignation of the First Minister and the deputy First Minister consequently leaving office have created further obstacles to progress which leaves him no choice but to prepare work on further Regulations to ensure that services are commissioned. Therefore, he committed to returning to Parliament directly following the Assembly election in May and, if necessary, making regulations and directions that will place a duty on the Department of Health to make abortion services available as soon as is reasonably practicable. He is also setting up a small team in the NI Office with relevant experience in reproductive healthcare and financial monitoring. He concluded by saying that if he assessed that the Department of Health is not complying with the duty placed on it, he would use his powers to intervene.

Tackling Domestic Abuse Plan – 30th March 2022

Priti Patel MP, SoS for the Home Department, announced the publication of the new cross-Government Tackling Domestic Abuse Plan. She said that the Plan sets out the Government’s vision to drive down domestic abuse and domestic homicide cases and ensure that those who experience domestic abuse get the support they need. The Plan, she announced, was developed using responses to the Tackling VAWG Call for Evidence and is closely aligned with the Tackling VAWG Strategy and shares the same four pillars: Prioritising Prevention, Supporting Victims, Pursuing

Perpetrators and A Stronger System. Additionally, she announced that today the Government is also publishing updated versions of the VAWG National Statement of Expectations, the VAWG Commissioning Toolkit and a Supporting Male Victims document in recognition of the specific challenges which may be faced by men and boys who experience crimes considered VAWG, including domestic abuse. She concluded by saying that The Tackling Domestic Abuse Plan has been laid before Parliament as a Command Paper (CP 639) and that the National Statement of Expectations, the Commissioning Toolkit and the Supporting Male Victims document will be placed in the libraries of both Houses and that all documents will be made available on GOV.UK.

Please find relevant text of written ministerial statements enclosed at appendix 18

Legislation

Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill – First Reading – 16th June 2021

The Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill was brought to the Commons by APPG on PDRH Co-Chair Pauline Latham MP and read for the first time.

Menopause (Support and Services) Bill – First Reading – 16th June 2021

The Menopause (Support and Services) Bill was brought to the Commons by Carolyn Harris MP and read for the first time.

Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill – Consideration of the Bill - 5th July 2021

During the consideration of the bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, amendments on the decriminalisation of abortion and the investigation of rape complainants were considered. APPG on PDRH member Harriett Harman MP explained her proposed clause to tighten up the law so that where the question of previous sexual history is relevant, especially if it is with the same partner in respect of whom the rape is alleged, it is allowed in evidence with the permission of the judge, but where it is not relevant, it is not. Stella Creasy MP spoke in favour of Harriett Harman's amendment and that of APPG on PDRH member Dame Diana Johnson MP on the decriminalisation of abortion, pointing out the anomaly in our law, where the women in NI now enjoy better reproductive rights than women in England, however, the amendment was later withdrawn. The House voted on and approved a required minimum term of seven years for rape convictions. The bill was duly considered, read a third time and passed.

Health and Care Bill - Committee Stage - eighteenth sitting – 27th October 2021

As part of the committee stage hearings, the clauses prohibiting virginity testing and hymenoplasty and dealing with support provided by the NHS to victims of domestic abuse were read and largely met with approval.

Menopause (Support and Services) Bill – Second Reading - 29th October 2021

Carolyn Harris MP introduced the second reading of a PMB to improve menopause support and training for GPs as currently only 41% of medical schools provide compulsory menopause training. APPG on PDRH member Ruth Cadbury MP spoke in favour of the bill and pointed out that more education was needed on the benefits of HRT, which has considerably improved since a generation ago. Maria Caulfield MP, the PUSS for Health and Social Care spoke of debate the previous week on World Menopause Month and updated the House on the work the Government was doing on menopause. She said that the menopause will be a key factor in the upcoming Women's Health

Strategy and that the Government will also decrease the price of HRT but are apparently unable to make it completely free. She committed to establishing a new menopause taskforce, with Carolyn Harris MP as a co-chair. Carolyn Harris MP begged leave to withdraw the motion.

Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill – Second Reading – 19th November 2021

APPG on PDRH Co-chair Pauline Latham MP introduced the second reading of the bill to prevent the marriage of minors, including British Citizens taken abroad for the purpose of marriage, APPG on PDRH members Virendra Sharma MP, Sarah Champion MP and Anthony Mangnall MP spoke in favour of the bill.

Health and Care Bill – Report Stage - 22nd November 2021

During the first day of the report stage of the bill, APPG on PDRH member Dame Diana Johnson MP spoke about amendment 15 focusing on the membership of integrated care partnerships—the bodies that will be responsible for developing plans to address the health and care needs of local populations - and how the experience of women in relation to their healthcare is often an afterthought in a fragmented health system. Dame Andrea Leadsom MP spoke on the new clause 55, which would require the SoS to publish guidance on how integrated care systems should meet the needs specifically of babies and amendments 91 and 92, which call for parity of esteem between mental and physical health, she pointed out that perinatal depression, anxiety and psychosis carry a total long-term cost to society of about £8.1 billion for each one-year cohort of births in the UK.

Health and Care Bill – Report Stage - 23rd November 2021

During the second day of the report stage of the bill the new clause 36 'Offence of virginity testing' was read for the first time and clauses 37-48 relating to virginity testing discussed. Edward Argar MP pointed out that in July the Government had promised in the VAWG strategy that virginity testing will not be tolerated in the UK and will be banned at the earliest opportunity. The New clause 36 and clauses 37-48 were brought up, read the first and second time and added to the bill.

Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill – Committee Stage – 12th January 2022

APPG on PDRH Co-chair Pauline Latham MP explained clauses 1-9 and the schedule of the proposed bill to the committee, which also included APPG on PDRH members Sarah Champion MP and Virendra Sharma MP. All clauses were ordered to stand part of the bill and the schedule agreed to. The bill to be reported without amendment.

Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill – Report Stage – 25th February 2022

APPG on PDRH Co-chair Pauline Latham MP introduced a number of amendments to and the third reading of the bill. APPG on PDRH Treasurer Virendra Sharma MP spoke in favour of the bill, citing family examples of how not marrying young and continuing in education has improved lives. Numerous other members congratulated Pauline Latham MP on bringing the bill before the House.

Official Development Assistance Equalities Impact Assessment (Women and Girls) Bill – 8th March 2022

Fiona Bruce MP introduced this PMB, a bill to require the SoS to lay before Parliament an equalities impact assessment of the effects on women and girls of the Government's decision not to spend 0.7% of UK GNI on ODA in each financial year, until that target is again reached. The bill did not have a second reading before the end of the parliament session in May 2022.

Rape (Conviction Rates) Bill – 8th March 2022

Wera Hobhouse MP introduced this PMB, a bill to establish an independent review of rape conviction rates and of the effects on the victims of rape and to require the SoS to act on the recommendations of the review. The bill did not have a second reading before the end of the parliament session in May 2022.

Miscarriage and Stillbirth (Black and Asian Women) Bill - 8th March 2022

Munir Wilson MP introduced this PMB, a bill to require the SoS to lay before Parliament annual reports on progress in reducing miscarriage and stillbirth rates among Black and Asian women. The bill did not have a second reading before the end of the parliament session in May 2022.

Health and Care Bill – 30th March 2022

The Lords Amendments to the Health and Care bill were discussed. Amongst these was Amendment 92 extending the provision for early telemedical abortion, which had been tabled by APPG on PDRH Co-Chair Baroness Sugg. APPG on PDRH member Sir Peter Bottomley MP pointed out that groups dealing with VAWG and also leading obstetricians and gynaecologists had agreed on the safety of the method and were backing the extension. APPG on PDRH member Dame Diana Johnson MP added that the WHO and the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence had also approved the safety of telemedical abortion. The house voted in favour of the redrafted amendment 215 to 188 against.

Please find relevant text of legislation proceedings enclosed at appendix 19

Debates

Istanbul Convention: Position of the UK Government – 26th May 2021

John Howell MP opened a debate on The Istanbul Convention, in his capacity as the leader of the UK delegation to the CoE, to express concern that the UK had not yet ratified the convention and Turkey was planning to leave, citing the UK's failure as a sign that we do not take the convention seriously. Victoria Atkins MP, the PUSS for the Home Department, expressed disappointment at Turkey's decision to leave and said that the UK had tried to persuade them to reconsider. She explained that the UK was planning to implement the appropriate measures and laws before ratifying the convention, which were moving forward and that the Government will publish their next annual progress report on the ratification by 1 November.

0.7% Official Development Assistance Target – 8th June 2021

Andrew Mitchell MP opened an emergency debate following the Government's announcement of its plan to cut the ODA Target to 0.5% from 0.7%, attacking the decision as indefensible and citing his support from numerous other 'rebels' within his party. Steve Brine MP, who shortly afterwards would join the APPG on PDRH, pointed out that the £4 billion pounds affected were a small amount to a rich country, but would make huge differences in aid. APPG on PDRH member Harriett Baldwin MP asked the Chief Secretary to the Treasury to explain to the House why the only manifesto pledge he had chosen to break was the one that forces the World Food Programme in South Sudan to choose between feeding hungry children and feeding starving children. The Minister replied that the Government had had to make a number of difficult decisions. APPG on PDRH member Sarah Champion MP pointed out that the decision to cut the aid budget was possibly an unlawful one and accused the Government of hypocrisy, saying that their policies did not match their stated G7 aims and quoting IPPF describing the cuts as "a tragic blow for the world's poorest and most marginalised

women and girls.” APPG on PDRH Treasurer Virendra Sharma MP said that the cut was a discourtesy to this House and to millions of people up and down the country who voted in 2019 for 0.7%. APPG on PDRH member Anthony Mangnall MP expressed the opinion that the aid for HIV being cut by 80% because of this decision is just making it a bigger problem in the future. APPG on PDRH member Catherine MP cited the potential implications that the aid cuts would have on UK scientific programmes. APPG on PDRH member Harriett Baldwin MP, speaking as a previous DFID minister, spoke of the pride that she had felt travelling the world to see UK aid programmes in action, similarly APPG on PDRH Co-Chair Pauline Latham MP also spoke of her work with the IDC and how she had seen firsthand the good that had been done by UK aid, which could subsequently be lost. Andrew Mitchell MP closed the debate, thanking the Chair for giving the House the chance to consider these matters, influence the thinking of the Treasury and its Chief Secretary and try to ensure that we get this right.

Uyghur Tribunal: London – 14th June 2021

During a debate regarding the Uyghur tribunal, an independent investigation of alleged genocide and crimes against humanity in the Uyghur region, led by Sir Geoffrey Nice MP, APPG on PDRH member Nusrat Ghani spoke of having personally attended the tribunal and expressed the opinion that the Government should publicly support it. APPG on PDRH member Ruth Cadbury said that she had been appalled at the evidence now being given to the tribunal of the experience of the Uyghur people and, specifically, of the experiences of Uyghur women, including forced sterilisation, forced abortions and repeated sexual violence and asked what the Government were doing to tackle this specific issue of gender-based violence against Uyghur women. Nigel Evans MP replied that the Government continue to work very hard on this area internationally and commit a significant amount of support in this regard in countries where it is an issue. He said that the Government would continue to look at all options available to the UK for further action to address the human rights violations that are going on in Xinjiang.

Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative – 17th June 2021

APPG on PDRH member Anthony Mangnall MP opened the debate on the UK’s PSVI and the G7 and outlined the importance of PSVI’s work. APPG on PDRH member Sarah Champion MP complimented Mr. Mangnall on his argument for why we should be investing in PSVI. She reported that an investigation by The Independent Commission for Aid Impact on how the UK followed up on its PSVI summit commitments had concluded that there were “unsatisfactory achievements in most areas”, however she said that the upcoming UK PSVI conference meant that the UK has a unique opportunity to scale up quality work on prevention, protection and responses in conflict-affected states and to ensure that survivors are at the very heart of this work. APPG on PDRH member Hannah Bardell MP spoke about how vital funding and resources were to helping tackle sexual violence in conflict areas and support those who face it and said that “as a developed family of nations, we have a moral obligation to do our bit”, which made the Government’s recent decision to cut the aid budget a grave risk of doing lasting damage to its international reputation. APPG on PDRH member Yasmin Qureshi MP pointed out that the PSVI’s staffing dropped from 34 members in 2014 to just three now and that funding for the PSVI has fallen by 87% in the past seven years. She called for the Government to put commitments to women, peace and security at the heart of our work and our recovery from Covid-19.

Official Development Assistance and the British Council – 30th June 2021

APPG on PDRH member Sarah Champion MP opened an estimates debate on ODA, stating that the IDC wanted to scrutinise how UK aid is being spent in the most effective way possible, however, the

information needed to check that spending was proving difficult to extract from the FCDO. She explained how this was making it very hard to see how aid is being spent and if it is being used effectively, particularly at a time of cuts. During the ensuing discussion, APPG on PDRH member Anthony Mangnall MP pointed out that in order to succeed in getting girls through education, GBV needed to be tackled. APPG on PDRH member Harriett Baldwin MP sympathised with the Government's need to cut spending during the current financial situation, but condemned the decision to make the cuts without first consulting the House, particularly as the 0.7% target had been part of the Government's election pledges. She told the House that she would like to see a reversal of the 85% reduction to the UNFPA so that every girl in the world to be able to access the same choices in family planning as they were all able to access in their lives. APPG on PDRH Co-Chair Pauline Latham MP expressed concern that the budget for girl's education had been cut by 40% from 2019 levels and pointed out the UNFPA funding that the UK has cut would have prevented around 250,000 maternal and child deaths, 14.6 million unintended pregnancies and 4.3 million unsafe abortions. In his summing up, the PUSS for FCDO James Duddridge MP, said that in his experience the FCDO made a lot more sense than the two separate departments, he pointed out that the UK have donated record amounts of aid year-on-year and that we were in the top 3 countries, comparing GNI, donating more than the US. Closing the debate, Sarah Champion MP said that the House needs clarity on what the Government's priorities really are.

International Aid – Treasury Update – 13th July 2021

The PM, Boris Johnson, opened a debate on maintaining the UK's commitment to the statutory target of 0.7% of GDP for ODA. The PM said that the only question was *when* the UK would return to 0.7%, not *if*, but that the unprecedented financial situation had had inevitable consequences on public spending. In the impassioned debate that followed APPG on PDRH members Anthony Mangnall MP, Sarah Champion MP, Catherine West MP and Pauline Latham MP spoke out against the effects of the cut. In his summing up, Chancellor of the Exchequer Rishi Sunak MP pointed out that what the Government was asking the House to vote for today is a road map for returning to 0.7%. In the vote the house agreed (333/298) that it had considered the Written Ministerial Statement relating to the Treasury Update on International Aid.

Reducing Baby Loss – 20th July 2021

A debate on progress towards the national ambition to reduce baby loss was opened by Cheryl Mackrory MP, who identified six points that needed action were the Government to reach its target to halve the rate of stillbirths and neonatal deaths by 2025. Nadine Dorries MP, The Minister for Patient Safety, Suicide Prevention and Mental Health outlined the progress that was being made towards the targets so far. She thanked the Health and Social Care Committee and its independent expert panel for its inquiry into the safety of maternity services and evaluation of maternity commitment and promised that the Department is considering the recommendations made in the report and will publish a full response in September.

Strategy for Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls – 21st July 2021

On the day on which The Government published its Tackling violence against women and girls strategy, Victoria Atkins MP, the PUSS for the Home Department, made a statement on the Government's strategy for tackling VAWG. The Strategy sets out action to prioritise prevention, support victims, pursue perpetrators and help to make sure the police, education, local authorities, prison and probation services and others work together more effectively. APPG on PDRH member

Dame Diana Johnson MP, amongst others, welcomed the strategy but expressed concern that it will be effective only if it means that the police and the courts are able to take that early intervention.

Global Britain: Human Rights and Climate Change – 7th September 2021

In his opening to the debate around Global Britain, human rights and climate change, Hywel Williams MP expressed his hope that the debate would further shared hopes and wishes for the forthcoming COP26 summit. Stephen Doughty MP pointed out that climate change is a particular threat to the rights of women and girls, because environmental hazards that lead to crises often mean girls dropping out of school to help their families or they are coerced into marriage to improve their family prospects. Motion lapsed and sitting was adjourned without Question put.

Black Maternal Health Wealth – 14th September 2021

In a debate for Black Maternal Health Week, arising from an e-petition, after research showed that black women are 5 times more likely to die during pregnancy and after childbirth compared to white women, Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP called for the Government to respond with a clear strategy to address these disparities. The Minister for Patient Safety, Suicide Prevention and Mental Health, Nadine Dorries MP, claimed that personal, social, economic and environmental factors all play a part in the disparities of care and that we must address the causes of disparities to improve outcomes and experiences of care. To do this a lifetime approach is needed to address some of the reasons why some women are more at risk of poorer outcomes than others. To this end the Government have established the newly formed Office for Health Improvement and Disparities, which launches on 1 October, to target those health disparities, including racial and ethnic disparities in health and to improve pre-conception health to support women to be in their best health throughout pregnancy.

Baby Loss Awareness Week – 22nd September 2021

Ahead of Baby Loss Awareness Week 2021, Cheryllyn Mackrory MP opened a debate to highlight the fantastic strides that are being made in this area, to underline where more needs to be achieved and for Members to reflect on their own personal experiences and those of constituents.

Violence against Women and Girls: Police Response – 22nd September 2021

APPG on PDRH member Harriett Harman MP asked the SoS for the Home Department if she would make a statement on what action she will be taking in response to the report by Her Majesty's inspectorate of constabulary on the police response to VAWG. Rachel Maclean MP, the PUSS for the Home Department, spoke of the new tackling VAWG strategy and the Government's plan to publish a complementary domestic abuse strategy this year.

Black History Month – 21st October 2021

During a debate on Black History Month, Abena Opong-Asare MP drew attention to the subject of inequalities in maternal health outcomes for Black women, stating that the Government need a target to end racial maternal health inequalities and an action plan to achieve it. She also raised the issue of the lack of specialist training for police and other agencies supporting black women who are victims of domestic abuse. The Minister for Equalities, Mike Freer MP, spoke of the NHS England targeted plan to improve outcomes for mothers and babies from ethnic minority groups, which will provide almost £7 million of support for local maternity systems and said that the Government are continuing to encourage forces to take the College of Policing's domestic abuse matters training, which includes specific training on the different impacts of domestic abuse on black and minority ethnic communities.

Human Rights Day – 14th December 2021

Debbie Abrahams MP opened the Human Rights Day debate, which also marked the final day of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence, by stating that the rights of women are constantly ignored. She said that their right to life is ignored: in some parts of the world, girl babies are seen as less important than boy babies. She also pointed out that girls' right to education is ignored, their right to marry whom they wish is ignored and that forced marriage and FGM are still happening in the 21st century. Additionally she requested that women have the right to work in whatever job they wish, to be paid the same as a man and to be treated equally under the law and have domestic violence and rape recognised and responded to as the serious crimes that they are. APPG on PDRH member Dame Diana Johnson MP paid tribute to women human rights defenders around the world.

Abortion Services Commissioning: Northern Ireland – 14th December 2021

Opening the debate on the commissioning of abortion services in NI, Alex Davies-Jones MP pointed out that the focus of this debate should remain the commissioning and delivery of abortion services and that the changes to the law, which extended abortion rights to the women of NI, were made in line with the recommendations made by the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. The PUSS for Health and Social Care, Maria Caulfield MP concluded that the law allowing abortion was passed in 2019, so the SoS is now under a legal duty to implement it. She told the House that the SoS has directed the First Minister and the Deputy First Minister to include it on the agenda for the Executive Committee and that the UK Government have to uphold their legal duties in terms of the decision.

Emergency Contraception – 3rd February 2022

During the Business of the House APPG on PDRH member Dame Diana Johnson MP raised a point of order. She announced that she had read in The Telegraph that the Government intend to extend or make permanent the current legal approval that allows women to undergo early medical abortions at home and was surprised because she had not seen an announcement anywhere in the business of the House, a written ministerial statement or any promise of business in the coming weeks. She also mentioned that in Business Questions she had asked a question about the morning after pill and that the Leader of the House had made a misinformed statement about abortion, which should be corrected in the record. The Deputy Speaker asked that The Leader of the House be informed of the need to correct his statement and confirmed that the Government have not at this point given notice of an intention to bring the matter of telemedical abortion before the House.

Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls – 2nd March 2022

Yvette Cooper MP opened the debate with the motion that the House condemn the Government for failing to take sufficient action to tackle the epidemic of VAWG and for presiding over a fall in the rape charge rate to a record low; and therefore calls on the Government to increase the number of specialist rape and serious sexual offences units, improve police training to secure better outcomes for victims, introduce effective national management and monitoring of domestic abuse and sexual offenders and urgently publish the perpetrator strategy in full. During the debate Dame Diana Johnson MP asked the Government to look again at non-contact sexual offending and how it is a red flag for the possible escalation of offending behaviour into something far more serious, she pointed out that the volumes of police referrals, charges, prosecutions and convictions for offences of violence against women have plummeted since 2016-17, particularly for rape and serious sexual offences. At the end of the debate the motion was resolved.

Please find relevant text of debates enclosed at appendix 20

Oral Parliamentary Questions

Violence against Women and Girls – 25th April 2021

During questions to the SoS for the HO, Alexander Stafford MP asked what steps her Department is taking to tackle VAWG. The PUSS for the Home Department, Rachel McLean MP, replied that since publishing the tackling VAWG strategy the Government had launched a communications campaign to challenge perpetrators, supported the introduction of a new national policing lead and provided more than £27.5 million for 79 local projects to improve women's safety in public spaces. APPG on PDRH member Dame Diana Johnson MP welcomed the Government's making male VAWG a strategic policing requirement, but recommended that all police forces should have specialist rape and sexual assault units and asked when will the Government make sure that all police forces have such units. Rachel McLean MP answered that The Government were taking a forensic look across the whole system across all police forces.

Violence against Women and Girls: Support for Victims – 18th May 2021

During questions to the Minister for Crime and Policing, Rupa Huq MP and Debbie Abrahams MP asked what steps his Department is taking to improve support in the justice system for victims of VAWG. Kit Malthouse MP, The Minister for Crime and Policing, said that the Government would be investing more than £150 million in victim support services this year and a new victims code that sets out the level of service that victims can expect to receive from justice agencies and that the Victims Bill announced in the Queen's Speech will enshrine victims' rights in law, hold agencies to account for delivering those rights and set expectations for the standard and availability of victim support. Dr Huq further asked if the Minister would back the amendment that she and Sir Bernard Jenkin MP are tabling to the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to address the fact that 50% of women seeking abortion at clinics face intimidation and emotional distress. Mr. Malthouse said that the amendment would be considered going forward. Debbie Abrahams MP went on to ask what discussions the Minister had had with his counterparts in the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Department for Work and Pensions to ensure that the Domestic Abuse Act is effective.

Topical Questions – 25th May 2021

During Topical Questions to the SoS for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Kate Osamor MP asked what assessment the SoS had made of the long-term impact that the Government plan to cut £120 million from ODA research would have on UK research and development. Kwasi Kwarteng MP replied that the cut was a difficult decision to make and that the Government wanted to get back to 0.7% of ODA as soon as the fiscal situation allows

Topical Questions – 15th June 2021

During Topical Questions to the Foreign Secretary, Harriett Baldwin MP asked for an assurance that as soon as the economy recovered the UK would revert to 0.7% of gross national product (GNP) for ODA and if this contribution should represent the foundation of our ambition to ensure that every child in the world gets 12 years of quality education. James Cleverley MP assured her that ensuring 12 years of quality education for girls remains the government's top priority in Africa and worldwide.

Foreign Policy and Overseas Aid: Co-ordination – 15th June 2021

Alun Cairns MP asked the PUSS for FCDO what recent assessment had been made of the potential merits of strengthening co-ordination between foreign policy and overseas aid. Wendy Morton MP answered that the creation of the FCDO combined the Government's diplomatic network with their development expertise and resource to maximise the UK's interests, influence and impact as a global force for good.

Violence Against Women and Girls – 29th June 2021

During Oral Questions to the Ministry of Justice, both Darren Henry MP and Florence Eshalomi MP asked what steps the Department was taking to tackle VAWG and improve support in the justice system for the victims. The Minister for Crime and Policing, Kit Malthouse MP, informed the House that the Government would be investing more than £150 million in victim support services this year and working with the Home Secretary to develop new VAWG and domestic abuse strategies. Darren Henry MP pointed out that domestic abuse had risen dramatically during the pandemic and asked after plans to provide long-term support. Mr. Malthouse informed him that The Government have boosted funding for specialist services by £51 million to support victims through the Covid-19 pandemic and beyond, which included £20.7 million for local community-based sexual violence and domestic abuse services and a £27 million investment over two years to recruit more independent sexual and domestic violence advisers. Florence Eshalomi MP asked what steps the Minister was taking to bring about a culture change in the police so that victims of domestic violence are believed. Mr. Malthouse said that the Government were working towards a new VAWG strategy and would be engaging the police to ensure that every victim who comes forward to the police and makes allegations is taken into account.

Official Development Assistance: Gender Equality – 7th July 2021

During questions to the FCDO, Margaret Ferrier MP asked what discussions the PUSS for FCDO has had with Cabinet colleagues on the potential effect of the reduction in ODA on gender equality in the developing world. Wendy Morton MP replied that girls' education is one of the FCDO's seven key priorities for ODA spending and that this year they will invest £430 million in girls' education, helping to achieve the global target to get 40 million girls into education and that they had recently launched the £67.5 million What Works to Prevent Violence: Impact at Scale programme. Margaret Ferrier MP further asked for reassurance that the FCDO had assessed the effect on such projects of the recent cut of ODA to 0.5% of GNI and was working with Cabinet colleagues to mitigate that harm. Minister Morton replied that officials had considered any impacts on women and girls, the most marginalised and vulnerable, people with disabilities and people from other protected groups when they developed their advice to Ministers as part of the decision-making process.

Violence Against Women and Girls – 12th July 2021

During Oral Questions to the HO, Dr Jamie Wallis MP asked what steps the Department is taking to tackle VAWG. The SoS for the Home Department, Priti Patel MP, said that the Government would be publishing their strategy on VAWG in the next few weeks. Jess Phillips MP asked exactly what the Government are doing to ensure that allegations such as indecent exposure are taken seriously by police forces and that cases involving police officers as perpetrators are not ignored in the future. Minister Patel said that independent investigations were currently taking place

Overseas Humanitarian Work – 20th July 2021

During Oral Questions to the FCDO Patrick Grady MP, Kerry McCarthy MP and Owen Thompson MP asked what recent assessment has been made of the potential effect of reductions in the UK aid budget on the UK's humanitarian work overseas. James Cleverly MP, The Minister for the Middle East and North Africa, replied that humanitarian preparedness and response is one of the Foreign Office's seven priorities and that the FCDO will spend £906 million to maintain the UK's role as a force for good at the time of crisis.

Maternal Health: Ethnic Minority Women – 22nd September 2021

During Oral Questions to the Department of Health and Social Care, Robbie Moore MP asked what steps the Government was taking to improve maternal health outcomes for ethnic minority women. Gillian Keegan MP, The Minister for Care, replied that a new office for health improvement and disparities will be launched on 1 October, which will make addressing disparities in health outcomes a priority. She further reported that The Minister for Women and Equalities had been consulting with senior midwives and clinicians from ethnic minorities to discuss how the Government can improve the experience for all.

Rape and Violence against Women and Girls: Prosecutions and Convictions – 9th November 2021

During Oral Questions to the Ministry of Justice, Wera Hobhouse MP asked what steps are being taken to support prosecutions for VAWG and Andrew Gwynne MP enquired about what steps are being taken to improve the prosecution and conviction rates of those charged with rape. Dominic Raab MP, The Lord Chancellor and SoS for Justice, answered that The Government are providing £150 million this year for victims and witnesses and the support services relating to all types of crime. Of that, he said, more than £50 million has been ringfenced specifically for rape and domestic abuse victims. Wera Hobhouse MP asked the SoS to commit to mandatory training in the CPS on understanding and supporting victims. Andrew Gwynne MP pointed out that rape offences had recently hit the highest level on record.

Preventing Violence against Women and Girls – 22nd November 2021

During Oral Questions to the HO, Rachael Maskell MP asked what steps had been taken to support local partnerships to help prevent VAWG. The PUSS for the Home Department, Rachel Maclean MP, answered that the Government's strategy is a whole-system approach, with different local agencies—for example, the police, healthcare and social care—working together to ensure more effective interventions. To that end, she reported, the Government have put in place guidance, training and online resources for the police and healthcare and educational professionals and will shortly be refreshing their national statement of expectations to support local areas in commissioning services.

Tackling Violent and Sexual Offences – 22nd November 2021

During Oral Questions to the HO both Tony Lloyd MP and Mark Logan MP asked the PUSS for the Home Department, Rachel Maskell MP, questions regarding the effectiveness of her Department's policies to tackle violent and sexual offences. Rachel Maskell MP replied that Maggie Blyth has been appointed as the new policing lead for tackling VAWG, that the Government had launched a £5 million safety of women at night fund and that they would be launching a national communications campaign focused on targeting perpetrators, educating young people and ensuring victims can access support.

Violence Against Women and Girls – 14th December 2021

During Oral Questions to the Justice Department, Gill Furniss MP asked the PUSS for the Home Department what steps his Department is taking to tackle VAWG and Laura Trott MP asked what steps he is taking to protect women and girls from violent and sexual offenders. Tom Purslane MP replied that the Government had introduced legislation to tackle crimes including stalking, forced marriage and FGM in the Domestic Abuse Act 2022. He added that the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill will also introduce measures to crack down on serious violent and sexual offenders and that the Victims Bill consultation has also launched, which will ensure that victims feel properly supported.

Violence Against Women and Girls/Hate Crimes: Successful Prosecutions – 6th January

During the Spending Review 2021: Law Officer's Departments, Matt Western MP asked The Attorney General, Suella Braverman, what steps she has taken to increase the number of successful prosecutions relating to (a) VAWG and (b) hate crimes. The Attorney General pointed to the introduction of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 as an indication of the Government's commitment and that it has recently published an ambitious 12-month domestic abuse programme to help narrow the disparity between reporting and criminal justice outcomes.

Forced Marriage and Child Marriage: Information in Schools – 31st January 2022

Pauline Latham MP, Co-Chair of the APPG on PDRH, asked the PUSS for Education, Will Quince MP, what steps he is taking to provide information in schools for at-risk children on forced marriage and child marriage. Will Quince MP explained that the "Keeping children safe in education" statutory guidance provides a strong safeguarding framework for schools and sets out the role that all school staff have to play in safeguarding children, including information for staff on what forced marriage actually is, as well as signposting to further help from the Government's forced marriage unit. Pauline Latham asked the Minister to meet with her to discuss how to raise awareness of the issue of children being taken out of the country during summer holidays for arranged marriages abroad, The PUSS for Education confirmed that her would be happy to meet on this subject.

Violence Against Women and Girls – 8th February 2022

During Oral Questions to the Ministry of Justice, Virendra Sharma MP, APPG on PDRH Treasurer and Andy McDonald MP, both asked the Minister of State, Ministry of Justice, Victoria Atkins MP what steps her Department is taking to tackle VAWG. The Minister explained the Government's new tackling VAWG strategy, which includes rolling out section 28 video-recorded evidence in sexual and modern slavery cases nationally and helping victims of domestic abuse to have more time to report common assaults, through the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill. She reported that last week they had launched the tender for the first ever national 24/7 support service for victims of rape and sexual assault. Mr. Sharma went on to point out that the UN had recently estimated that 2 million extra girls are currently at risk of FGM due to the pandemic. The Minister expressed the hope that the tackling VAWG strategy would help to support victims of this crime.

Domestic Abuse: Prosecutions – 8th February 2022

During Oral Questions to the Ministry of Justice, Laura Farris MP asked what steps the department is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help increase the number of successful prosecutions for domestic abuse. The Lord Chancellor and SoS for Justice, Dominic Raab MP, explained that bringing more perpetrators of domestic abuse to justice is a key plank of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, which

creates new offences such as non-fatal strangulation and extends the coercive or controlling behaviour offence to include former partners.

Business of the House: Telemedicine – 10th February 2022

During the Business of the House APPG on PDRH member Dame Diana Johnson MP welcomed the Leader of the House (Mark Spencer MP) to his new role and asked if it was time for an urgent statement from the Department of Health and Social Care about the future for telemedicine. Mr. Spencer replied that Health and Social Care questions were coming up on 1st March, which would give her an opportunity to ask questions, but he expected that any changes that she referenced would be debated in the House and that she would have an opportunity to question Ministers on them.

Hate Crime: Misogyny – 23rd February 2022

During Oral Questions to the Department for Women and Equalities, Christine Jardine MP and Sarah Green MP asked the PUSS for the Home Department what plans she has with the Home Secretary to bring forward legislative proposals to make misogyny a hate crime. Rachel Maclean MP explained that the Government currently have no plans to make misogyny a hate crime as The Law Commission concluded that the proposal could do more harm than good in efforts to tackle VAWG.

Violence Against Women and Girls – 28th February 2022

During Oral Questions to the HO, Holly Mumbi-Croft MP and Alexander Stafford MP asked the SoS for the Home Department what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Government's tackling VAWG strategy. Priti Patel MP replied that the Government are bringing forward legislation against stalking, forced marriage, FGM and wider domestic abuse.

Violence Against Women and Girls – 28th February 2022

During Oral Questions to the HO, Marsha de Cordova MP and Paula Barker MP asked the PUSS for the Home Department, Rachel Maclean MP, what steps her Department is taking to tackle VAWG. Rachel Maclean MP explained that tackling VAWG is a top priority for this Government, whose actions include publishing a cross-Government strategy on tackling VAWG, to be followed shortly by a complementary domestic abuse plan; bringing in legislation to tackle stalking, forced marriage and female genital mutilation, as well as the Domestic Abuse Act 2021; increasing their funding for support services to £185 million a year by 2024-25; and making public spaces safer. APPG on PDRH member Sarah Jones MP asked if the Minister would back the introduction of new crime of sex for rent, the Minister replied that she would be consulting on the issue.

Topical Questions – 1st March 2022

During Topical Questions to the Department of Health and Social Care, APPG on PDRH member Dame Diana Johnson MP asked the SoS for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid MP, if he would meet with her to discuss why the removal of telemedicine in this country would be an incorrect decision. The Health Secretary agreed to a meeting.

Early Medical Abortion: Telemedicine Services – 1st March 2022

During Oral Questions to the Department of Health and Social Care, Caroline Nokes MP asked the PUSS for Health and Social Care, Maggie Throup MP, what plans their Department has to take steps to permanently implement the telemedicine service for early medical abortion. Minister Throup replied that the Government planned to end the service at midnight on 29 August 2022, as it was only ever in place as a temporary measure during the Covid pandemic.

Violence Against Women and Girls – 22nd March 2022

During Oral Questions Christian Wakeford MP and Kate Osbourne MP asked what steps the Justice Department is taking to tackle VAWG. Ruth Jones MP asked the same question with reference to Wales and specifically the Newport area. Victoria Atkins MP, the Minister of State for the Home Department, said that in the summer the Government had launched the tackling VAWG strategy to change attitudes, support women and girls who are victims of crime and pursue perpetrators, which includes plans to roll out to all crown courts pre-recorded cross-examination for complainants of sexual and modern slavery offences and giving victims of domestic abuse more time to report incidents of common assault. She explained that last month the Government had launched the tender for the first ever national 24/7 helpline for victims of rape and sexual assault. In answer to Ruth Jones MP, the Minister added that the Government are helping the police and crime commissioner in Gwent to support victims in the Newport constituency and elsewhere in the police area and that there is more than £6 million to help victims across Wales.

Violence Against Women and Girls – 24th March 2022

During Oral Questions to the Attorney General, Virendra Sharma MP, Treasurer of the APPG on PDRH, asked what steps are being taken to increase the number of prosecutions relating to VAWG. The Solicitor General, Alex Chalk, replied that more than 10,400 suspects were charged with domestic abuse offences in the most recent quarter for which data is available, with a conviction rate of more than 75%. He added that, following a successful spending review, the Crown Prosecution Service is recruiting prosecutors and other staff to ensure that even more victims see justice done.

Please find relevant text of oral PQs enclosed at appendix 21

Written Parliamentary Questions

Members of Parliament tabled a wide variety of SRHR, FP and population-related written PQs this year on the following subjects, which are available on the APPG on PDRH [website](#):

Abortion
Abortion: Coronavirus
Abortion: Domestic Abuse
Abortion: Drugs
Abortion: Gender
Abortion: Medical Treatments
Abortion: Telemedicine
Afghanistan: Overseas Aid
Armed Conflict: Child and Maternal Mortality
Child and Maternal Morbidity: Coronavirus
Climate Change: Developing Countries
Conflict, Stability and Security Fund
Contraceptives
Contraceptives: Finance
Contraceptives: Health Education
Contraceptives: Waiting Lists
Coronavirus: Females
Developing Countries: Education
Developing Countries: Education and Family Planning
Developing Countries: Equality
Developing Countries: Family Planning and Female Genital Mutilation
Developing Countries: Females
Developing Countries: Female Genital Mutilation
Developing Countries: Food Supply
Developing Countries: Maternity Services
Developing Countries: Nutrition
Developing Countries: Sustainable Development
Developing Countries: Water
Education: Females
Female Genital Mutilation: Victim support
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office: Afghanistan
Gender Based Violence
Genito-urinary Medicine
Genito-urinary Medicine: Diagnosis
Genito-urinary Medicine: Females
Genito-urinary Medicine: Finance
Genito-urinary Medicine: Medical Treatments
Health Services: Females
International Monetary System
Internet: Females
Maternal Mortality: Ethnic Groups
Maternity Services: Ethnic Groups
Medical Treatments: Public Consultation
Mortality Rates
Overseas Aid
Overseas Aid: Education & Nutrition
Overseas Aid: Family Planning and Genito-urinary Medicine
Telemedicine
United Nations Population Fund

Early Day Motions

EDM2 - At Home Abortions - 11th May 2021

Carla Lockhart MP, 22 signatures

That this House recognises that legalising the unsupervised self-administration of both sets of abortion pills at home following a telephone or digital consultation has placed women's safety at risk by removing a routine in-person appointment which allows medical practitioners to certify gestation and potential coercion or abuse; expresses concern that abortion providers cannot ensure the pills prescribed are taken by the intended individual in safe, uncoerced circumstances within the appropriate time-frame; expresses further concern for underage sexual abuse victims and women in abusive relationships; notes that the policy has allowed illegal late-term abortions to occur, including at 28 weeks of gestation, as well as severe complications such as haemorrhaging; further notes that complications are likely being significantly underreported for a number of reasons, including that complications may occur after the Abortion Notification (HSA4) form has been submitted; acknowledges that polling in England shows the overwhelming majority of women and GPs surveyed were concerned by the possibility of pills being falsely obtained for another person and by women having medical abortions at home beyond the legal limit; and calls on the Government to end the practice of at-home abortion with immediate effect.

EDM81 – The Global spread of Covid-19 and reductions in the international aid budget - 19th May 2021

Diane Abbott MP, 26 signatures

That this House notes that the Covid-19 virus and various mutations are now ravaging a number of poorer countries, attention has been focused on the appalling situation in India and there are concerns that other countries might follow suit; further notes the Government's decision to reduce the international aid budget, citing the impact of the virus in this country on public finances; but believes that people's lives must always come first, that we have an international obligation to help the poorest countries and that it is in our own self-interest to reduce the scale of the pandemic internationally because no-one is safe until we are all safe; and therefore calls on the government to restore the cuts it has previously made to the international aid budget, at least for the duration of the global pandemic and specifically directs those funds towards providing the medical equipment, oxygen and other materials as necessary in the worst-affected countries.

EDM155 - Ratification of the Istanbul Convention - 7th June 2021

Gavin Newlands MP, 24 signatures

That this House notes that 8 June 2021 will mark nine years since the UK signed the Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence; acknowledges the work by the former hon. Member for Banff and Buchan, Eilidh Whiteford, in securing the passage of legislation enshrining the requirement for the UK to ratify the Convention; notes that since this Act received Royal Assent four years have passed with no indication that ratification is imminent; recognises the need for both national and international action to tackle VAWG; and supports the call by IC Change and other organisations for the Government to ratify the Convention by 8th June 2022.

EDM195 Royal Yacht Britannia – 14th June 2021

Chris Law MP, 22 signatures

That this House recognises the suffering that reductions in the UK aid budget will cause; acknowledges that the Government plans to go ahead with proposals for a new Royal Yacht despite continued controversy; further recognises that the Government confirmed they would return aid spending to the regular 0.7 per cent of GNI commitment when it was fiscally prudent to do so; is shocked to see priority being given to a vanity project whilst reducing aid spending; further acknowledges that any ODA spent on the Royal Yacht would be depriving deserving projects of much needed funds; and urgently calls on the Government to confirm that no funding for the new Royal Yacht will come out of the international aid budget.

EDM194 – Reductions in funding for conflict, peacebuilding and stabilisation efforts – 14th Jun 2021

Chris Law MP, 27 signatures

That this House regrets the £896 million funding cut to organisations that assist the Governments work on conflict, peacebuilding and stabilisation efforts; notes that these cuts effect the most unstable and impoverished conflict zones in the world including Syria, South Sudan, Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Yemen; is concerned that the cuts will have a ripple effect on organisations and communities ability to address the causes and consequences of insecurity; recognises that this will ruin the chance of hundreds of thousands to live safer lives; acknowledges that these cuts go against the objective set out in the Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign policy which aims to support open societies and defend human rights and tackle conflict and instability; and calls on the Government to meet its key security objectives, abide by its manifesto promise and legal commitment to spend 0.7 percent of GNI on ODA and reverse the funding cuts to conflict zones.

EDM297 – Nutrition Aid – 8th July 2021

Alyn Smith MP, 17 signatures

That this House urges the Government to recognise the importance of investment in nutrition to support its aims for girls' education; notes that impacts of malnutrition are particularly heavy on women and girls and that cases of anaemia, stunting and malnutrition are correlated with poor school performance; stresses that the UK was previously considered a leader in combatting malnutrition and now risks undermining its international reputation in addition to putting millions of lives at risk; and calls on the Government to incorporate nutrition aid into its focus area of girls education.

EDM368 - APPG North Korea Report: Human Rights Abuses 2014-21 – 20th July 2021

Fiona Bruce MP, 4 signatures

That this House acknowledges the APPG on North Korea's report into human rights abuses from 2014 to 2021; notes that the report builds on the UN's landmark 2014 Commission of Inquiry into human rights in North Korea; regrets that the situation of human rights in North Korea has not improved since the UN Commission of inquiry; notes that the report found evidence of North Korean officials being involved in crimes against humanity including murder, torture, sexual and gender-based violence, slavery and persecution based on religion or belief and that the report suggests that the treatment of Christians, half-Chinese children and the hostile group in North Korea may meet the legal definition of genocide; and urges the Government to implement the recommendations of the report and to actively engage in the dire human rights situation in North Korea using all available avenues.

EDM360 Accountability for Human Rights Abuses in the Gambia – 21st July 2021

Anne McLaughlin MP, 18 signatures

That this House welcomes the imminent publication of the report by the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission of the Gambia, following publicly televised testimony for over two years from victims and former officials, including members of an elite death squad, implicating former Gambian President Yahya Jammeh in the killing and torture of political opponents, the murder of almost 60 West African migrants, the rape and sexual assault of women and a sham HIV treatment programme resulting in over 30 deaths; hopes the report recommendations will be implemented and the criminal prosecution of Jammeh and his main accomplices will follow; notes that since the end of Jammeh's brutal 22 year dictatorship in 2017, progress in restoring fundamental rights has yet to be consolidated, for instance by ensuring future elections are free and fair and the harassment of journalists and other civil society representatives by the security forces ended; regrets current Gambian President Adama Barrow did not step down as originally agreed with the coalition that backed him and that corruption, FGM and child marriage remain serious problems; applauds the imposition of sanctions by the UK Government and others on former Gambian President Jammeh, his wife and the former director-general of the country's National Intelligence Agency; and calls on the Government to continue supporting the Gambia's democratic transition, to assist with implementing the report recommendations and to back the criminal prosecution of Jammeh and others responsible for gross abuses there.

EDM376 - Women's Rights in Afghanistan – 18th August 2021

Kirsten Oswald MP, 23 signatures

That this House is horrified at the unfolding humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan and is particularly concerned about the impact on women and girls of the collapse in the Afghan government and return to power of the Taliban; notes that some 80 per cent of the near quarter of a million Afghans forced to flee their homes between the end of May and early August this year are women and children, which must be reflected in asylum planning by the UK Government; notes that assurances given by Taliban representatives, including to the Russian foreign ministry in July 2021, that they would respect human rights, including those of women, within the framework of Islamic norms and Afghan traditions, has allowed local Taliban leaders to repudiate Afghanistan's Law on the Prohibition of Violence Against Women, which was passed in August 2009 and return to the days of child marriage and forced marriage, with evidence emerging of young girls and widows being demanded as brides for Taliban fighters; further notes the words of Mahbooba Siraj, founder of the Afghan Women's Network, who said that if the Taliban took over it would crush women's voices and Pashtana Durrani, Executive Director of LEARN, an Afghan NGO for girls' education, who said that, for Afghan women, this means losing your houses, your dreams, your goals, your ambition, your identity; and calls on the UK Government and the international community to stand united behind women's rights, including the right to education, in Afghanistan.

EDM477 - Loss & Damage Awareness Day 2021 – 22nd September 2021

Wera Hobhouse MP, 24 signatures

That this House welcomes the first ever Loss and Damage Awareness Day on 23 September 2021; recognises that many of the communities worst affected by loss and damage are also the world's poorest communities; recognises the obligations of developed countries to support developing countries to mitigate the disastrous impacts of climate change; believes that, as

chair of COP26, the Government should ensure that developed countries fulfil their pledge to deliver at least \$100 billion per year to help developing countries decarbonise their economies and protect against climate impacts; and calls on the Government to ensure a just transition to a greener economy for those communities that are employed by the fossil fuel industry.

EDM694 – 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence 2021 – 25th November 2021

Owen Thompson MP, 16 signatures

That this House notes that 25 November 2021 marks the first day of 2021's 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence; further notes that 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign beginning on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, that was started by activists at the inaugural Women's Global Leadership Institute in 1991 and continues to be coordinated each year by the Centre for Women's Global Leadership; acknowledges that this year's global campaign theme Orange the World: end violence against women now!, which will advocate for long-term strategies, amplify success stories and promote the leadership of women and girls; supports those organisations and individuals around the world who use the campaign as an organising strategy to call for the prevention and elimination of VAWG; recognises the stellar work done in Scotland towards this same goal by White Ribbon Scotland engaging with men and boys to end violence against women, particularly in seeking to prevent violence before it happens; calls on all men to take White Ribbon's promise to never commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women; praises groups such as Women's Aid East and Midlothian, as well as others across the country, who are doing a wealth of work to support women who are affected by violence against women; and notes that nearly 1 in 3 women aged 15 years and older around the world have been subjected to physical or sexual violence by an intimate.

EDM715 – International Aids Day – 30th November 2021

Jim Shannon MP, 20 signatures

That this House recognises World Aids Day on Wednesday 1 December; highlights the difficulty those with HIV/Aids face during the Covid-19 pandemic at home and abroad; notes in particular the needs of countries like Eswatini who have the highest prevalence of HIV among adults aged 15 to 49 in the world at 27.2 per cent; and urges the Government to increase aid to provide assistance to those countries with high rates of HIV/Aids and low rates of Covid-19 vaccination as a matter of urgency.

EDM864 – Cervical Cancer Prevention Week – 18th January 2022

Dr. Philippa Whitford MP, 36 signatures

That this House notes the week commencing 17 January 2022 is Cervical Cancer Prevention Week; recognises that, while not always easy, attending cervical screening allows diagnosis and treatment of Human Papilloma Virus, as well as early detection of Cervical neoplasia and can therefore save lives; believes that no-one should feel alone or confused when receiving their cervical screening results; and highlights that Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust provides information and support and encourages Members to support that campaign to promote the vital importance of attending cervical screening.

EDM877 – International Day of Education 2022 and Girls' Education – 20th January 2022

Layla Moran MP, 14 signatures

That this House celebrates the International Day of Education 2022; recognises the incredible work of so many charities and organisations that highlight the importance of and delivering girls' education programmes across the world; recognises how girls' education in particular has suffered due to the Covid-19 pandemic; calls on the Government to reinstate the 0.7 per cent GNI target for international development spending to assist the 129 million girls that are out of school; and urges the Government to give International Development its own seat at the Cabinet table once again.

EDM1015 – Ovarian Cancer Month 2022 – 28th February 2022

Jim Shannon MP, 20 signatures

That this House notes Ovarian Cancer Month in March; highlights the campaign by Target Ovarian Cancer to highlight the major symptoms of Ovarian Cancer acknowledging that four in 10 women wrongly believe their cervical screening also detects Ovarian Cancer and that knowing the symptoms is a key for early detection; thanks all of those who, in recognition of the 11 women per day who die in the UK from Ovarian Cancer, have pledged to walk 11,000 miles each day in March to raise money for the charity; and calls upon the Government to train more GPs in symptom spotting for Ovarian Cancer as well as to shorten the diagnostic pathway by carrying out CA125 blood test along with ultrasounds as standard practice.

EDM1078 – Cervical cancer and digital cytology – 15th March 2022

Dr Lisa Cameron MP, 11 signatures

That this House recognises that cervical cancer is preventable in over 99 per cent of cases and that measures, including the HPV vaccine and cervical screenings, are key to its prevention; recognises that attending cervical screenings is crucial and

there are opportunities to improve the experience for both clinicians and patients through new, innovative technologies and approaches, including digital cytology; highlights NHS Monkland's pioneering use of digital cytology, developed by the medical technology company, Hologic, which supports a more flexible and efficient cervical cancer screening programme; and encourages the wider adoption of digital cytology by NHS trusts throughout the UK to impact the effectiveness of cervical cancer screening.

EDM1111 – Access to telemedical abortion care beyond September 2022 – 22nd March 2022

Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP, 21 signatures

That this House is dismayed by Government plans to end the availability of telemedical abortion care services for early medical abortions up to 9 weeks and 6 days gestation, beyond September 2022; notes that access to this temporary service during the Covid-19 lockdowns was crucial to ensuring that women needed an abortion were still able to access vital women's health services; further notes that the availability of at-home abortion pills has halved women's waiting times for abortion services and has dramatically reduced the risk of women choosing to access abortion medications illegally or using unsafe methods of termination; is outraged by this Government's decision to roll-back on women's reproductive rights; agrees with the Chief Executive of BPAS that should the Government proceed to end this service it would be a shameful betrayal of women and a decision devoid of both evidence or justice; and calls on the Government to make permanent the temporary telemedical abortion care introduced during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDMs enclosed at appendix 22

House of Lords

Written Ministerial Statements

End-to-End Rape Review - 22nd June 2021

The Lord Chancellor and SoS for Justice's statement from 21st June was read out in the House of Lords by Lord Thomas of Gresford. The national criminal justice board had commissioned the first ever end-to-end review of how the criminal justice system handles rape cases. The rape review report and action plan outlines how the Government will act on its findings to deliver much needed improvements, building confidence in the system and encouraging more victims to come forward. APPG on PDRH committee member Baroness Uddin asked if the Government were considering the resource implications of the report alongside a public information and education campaign and working with all communities to state that sexual violence is against the law.

Strategy for Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls – 22nd July 2021

The PUSS for the Home Department's statement from 21st July was read in the House of Lords by Lord Rosser, setting out the Government's new strategy of tackling VAWG (see House of Commons Oral Statements).

G20 and COP26 World Leaders Summit – 3rd November 2021

The PM's statement on the G20 summit in Rome and update on the COP26 Summit in Glasgow was read in The House of Lords by Baroness Evans of Bowes Park. The statement outlined the necessity of keeping to the pledge to restrain the increase in World temperatures to 1.5%. It also stated that 18 countries in the G20 had made specific commitments to achieve net zero and in the Rome declaration last Sunday every member acknowledged "the key relevance of achieving global net zero greenhouse gas emissions or carbon neutrality by or around mid-century". To that end they had agreed to stop financing new international unabated coal projects by the end of this year—a vital step towards consigning coal to history—and every member had repeated their commitment to the Paris target of 1.5.

Ockenden Report – 30th March 2022

The SoS for Health and Social Care's statement from 30th March on the Ockenden Report, the independent review set up in 2017 in response to concerns from bereaved families about maternity care at Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, was read in The House of Lords by Lord Kamall. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Watkins of Tavistock raised the issues of clinical reporting at board level and of training staff to address the concerns of the mother's partners.

Please find relevant text of oral ministerial statements enclosed at appendix 23

Legislation

Certificate of Loss Bill – 1st July 2021

Baroness Benjamin introduced this PMB, a bill to make provision for a certificate to be issued to mothers in respect of miscarried and still-born children not eligible for registration under the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953; to establish a database for archiving the certificate and recording information about the miscarriage or still-birth; and for connected purposes. The bill did not have a second reading before the end of the parliament session in May 2022.

Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill – First Reading – 28th February 2022

The Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill was brought to the Lords by APPG on PDRH Co-Chair Baroness Sugg and read for the first time.

Please find relevant text of legislation proceedings enclosed at appendix 24

Debates

Queen's Speech – 19th May 2021

On Day 5 of the Queen's Speech Debates the HoL debated Foreign Affairs and Defence. Many MPs spoke out against the decision to reduce the ODA spend to 0.5%, including APPG on PDRH members Baroness Anelay of St Johns, Baroness Hodgson of Abinger, Lord Purvis of Tweed and Lord Foulkes of Cumnock. APPG on PDRH Co-Chair Baroness Sugg asked for clarity on the Government's statement that 0.7 would be restored 'when the fiscal situation allows'. Baroness Blackstone made particular reference to SRHR pointing out that estimates indicate that the cuts to UNFPA supplies alone will lead to around a quarter of a million maternal and child deaths, 14.5 million unintended pregnancies and nearly 4.5 million unsafe abortions. Baroness Northover asked how the Government planned to take forward it's to get 40 million girls across the world into school when the Foreign Secretary has admitted that they have cut their contribution to girls' education by 40% since 2019. Summing up the debate Lord Ahmad said that he will "continue to work in a co-operative manner across your Lordships' House in ensuring that our development priorities are communicated effectively to the House, in working through the impact of the challenging decisions we have had to make and in ensuring that we continue to fulfil our mandate and obligations on the global stage." he reiterated that the Government would seek to return to the figure of 0.7% at the earliest opportunity.

Official Development Assistance – 24th June 2021

Lord Campbell introduced a Question for Short Debate to ask Her Majesty's Government (HMG) what impact assessment they have undertaken of their proposed change to the target of spending 0.7 per cent of GNI on ODA. APPG on PDRH Co-Chair Baroness Sugg stated that an estimated 20 million women and girls will not be reached by programming as a result of the reduction in funding. Some

700,000 fewer girls will be supported by education, 2 million fewer supported by humanitarian assistance, 8 million fewer supported by nutrition interventions and 9 million fewer women and girls supported to access clean water and sanitation. APPG on PDRH member Lord Collins expressed the hope that the Minister will confirm specifically when the equalities impact assessment will be published, given that many of the cuts fall on programmes relating to women and girls. Earl Howe countered that the decision to move from 0.7% was a difficult decision, precipitated by the extreme economic situation, but that we would still be spending £10 billion on ODA and reiterated the FCDO's strategic priorities.

UK Foreign Aid Programme – 1st July 2021

Lord Fowler opened a debate on the subject 'That this House takes note of the importance of the UK foreign aid programme', pointing out that in 2015, Parliament had passed a bill that placed a duty on Governments to devote 0.7% of national income to overseas aid. He said that although the PM declared a personal priority for aid in girls' education, that aid has been cut while aid to UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, has been cut by 60%. In the ensuing debate APPG on PDRH Committee Member Baroness Northover also pointed out that these cuts will have a disproportionate effect on women and girls, who are the poorest globally. APPG on PDRH Co-Chair Baroness Sugg stressed that in 2018-19 the UK provided had 23.5 million women and girls with modern methods of family planning, but that now SRHR have suffered disproportionately in the cuts to UK aid. Numerous members from across the house condemned the cuts in their comments, including APPG on PDRH members Baroness Sheehan, Baroness Blackstone, Lord Hussain, Lord Purvis of Tweed and Lord Collins of Highbury. Summing up, Lord Fowler paid tribute to Baroness Sugg for her courage in resigning her Government post over this issue and to Lord Purvis for bringing the bill to parliament in 2015. He indicated that the feeling of the House was very much against the Government decision and that what is needed now is a debate in both Houses and a vote in each of them.

Women's Health Outcomes – 8th July 2021

APPG on PDRH Treasurer Baroness Jenkin of Kennington opened a debate on the subject 'That this House takes note of the steps taken to improve women's health outcomes'. She told the House that in her IWD speech this year she had departed from her usual topics of either women in Parliament or women and girls' lives in the developing world to talk about women's health. This change was as a result of the launch of the consultation and call for evidence to write a new women's health strategy. She went on to discuss women's health problems throughout their lifecycle, including menopause, fertility issues, endometriosis and birth control. APPG on PDRH members Baroness Massey of Darwen, Baroness Uddin and Baroness Thornton also spoke in the debate. Baroness Thornton welcomed the consultation but indicated that the best strategy in the world will be no good if not properly resourced and funded. Summing up, Baroness Jenkin pointed out that we were very fortunate to live in a country where we had better access to healthcare than so many other places in the world and concluded by stating that 'I know the Government are serious about this agenda and they know that we will be watching them'.

Overseas Development Aid: Budget – 27th October 2021

In a Question for Short Debate, Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick asked HMG what steps they will take to ensure the ODA budget is retained at 0.7 per cent of GNI in this financial year and future financial years. Baroness Hodgson of Abinger pointed out that Plan International and other NGOs have highlighted that analysis estimates that women and girls will suffer disproportionately from reductions in funding to critical sectors, resulting in a cut to programming for an estimated 20 million

women and girls. Other APPG on PDRH members criticising the Government's decision to decrease the aid budget were Lord Purvis of Tweed, Lord Collins of Highbury, Lord Balfe and Lord Purvis of Tweed. Viscount Younger of Leckie closed the debate saying that the Government were acting within the law and officials had considered any impacts on women and girls, the most marginalised and vulnerable, people with disabilities and people from other protected groups when developing advice to Ministers. He maintained that an equalities impact assessment, which looked at bilateral country spending showed no evidence that programmes targeting those with protected characteristics are more likely to be reduced or discontinued.

International Development Strategy – 16th December 2021

Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale opened a debate on the Government's new International Development Strategy, calling attention to the fact that the UK was the only leading nation in the world to cut their ODA. He expressed the opinion that the Government should set out a plan to work towards 0.7% being back in place as a step-by-step rebuild of the capacity and the spending and, much more importantly, it should set out priorities and a strategy, with a particular focus on girls and women. APPG on PDRH Co-Chair Baroness Sugg agreed that the upcoming strategy must lay the groundwork for rebuilding back to 0.7% and also hoped that new International Development Strategy had women and girls at its centre. She also pointed out that sexual and reproductive health has had its funding cut by 85% and that ensuring that women and girls can access health services and be able to make their own reproductive choices is critical to ending preventable maternal, newborn and child deaths, enabling all girls to receive a quality education to help them prosper, achieve their potential and contribute to economic growth in their countries. She asked when the Government would publish the equalities impact assessment relating to the UK aid cuts. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Hodgson of Abinger welcomed the Foreign Secretary's announcement of her commitment to putting women and girls at the centre of the new strategy and the commitment to the PSVI. APPG on PDRH member Lord Purvis of Tweed stated that he and his party want the UK to be the lead country in the Development Assistance Committee on delivering a feminist international assistance policy and reiterated Baroness Sugg's call for an impact assessment to be published. In reply, Lord Goldsmith also spoke of the Government's commitment to unlocking the potential of women and girls, saying that tackling gender equality is a core part of the Government's mission and the integrated review confirms this commitment, specifically working with women's rights organisations to tackle the discrimination, violence and inequality that hold women back. Summing up, Lord McConnell thanked Lord Goldsmith for his reply to the issues discussed and also Baroness Sugg and Baroness Hodgson for their advocacy on behalf of women and girls at the heart of international development.

International Women's Day and Protecting the Equality of Women in the UK and Internationally – 17th March 2022

The House debated a Motion to Take Note of IWD and the UK's role in furthering and protecting the equality of women in the UK and internationally. Baroness Stedman-Scott opened the debate, citing the Government's achievements and making reference to the new Ending Preventable Deaths of Mothers, Babies and Children by 2030 paper, the Government's G7 commitment to girls' education, the Our Vision for the Women's Health Strategy for England paper and the PSVI initiative amongst them. APPG on PDRH member Lord Purvis of Tweed stated that the Government had an opportunity, when they publish their International Development Strategy, for it have a UK gender focus. He pointed out that although the FCDO had claimed to put women at the centre of their work, the Government had not published the gender impact assessment, which they had carried out internally and which predicted that programmes supporting women and girls would be disproportionately affected across

all ranges of development policy and highlighted that there would be a 70% to 80% cut in programmes on violence against women internationally. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Hodgson of Abinger spoke about how the rights of women and girls have been significantly rolled back on all fronts, she stated that despite evidence that gender equality is essential to building peace and security and that involving women increases the chances of longer-lasting, more sustainable peace, women continue to be excluded from these processes. APPG on PDRH Vice Chair Baroness Northover asserted that cuts to aid would damage the position of women and girls, because the poorest and most vulnerable women and girls are often the most vulnerable to climate change and during disasters, health services are often limited and, at times, not available, which means that more women give birth without much-needed medical support. Summing up, Baroness Stedman-Scott maintained that the new International Development Strategy would prioritise spending on life-saving humanitarian aid and support women and girls and that the Foreign Secretary had been clear that the FCDO intend to restore funding to women and girls and to humanitarian programmes.

Please find relevant text of debates enclosed at appendix 25

Oral Parliamentary Questions

Overseas Development Assistance – 26th May 2021

Baroness Sugg, APPG on PDRH Co-Chair asked the FCDO what progress they have made towards legislation to reduce ODA funding. Lord Goldsmith of Richmond Park, The Minister of State, DEFRA and FCDO, replied that the Foreign Secretary was looking very carefully at this issue and will act in line with the International Development (ODA Target) Act 2015, which explicitly envisages that there may be circumstances in which the 0.7% target is not met and provides for reporting to Parliament in that event. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Hodgson of Abinger asked for reassurance that, where possible, the cuts will fall on big, multilateral programmes that are not solely dependent on UK aid. The Minister replied that the FCDO are maintaining their major pledges to IDA, the Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and more besides

Afghanistan: Women and Girls – 7th September 2021

Baroness Royall of Blaisdon asked the FCDO what steps they are taking to protect the (1) freedoms and (2) rights, of women and girls in Afghanistan. Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon replied that on 18 August the PM had announced a bespoke resettlement scheme focusing on the most vulnerable, particularly women and children. He assured the House that the UK will continue to work with international partners to press any future Afghan Government to adhere to international obligations, including safeguarding human rights. APPG on PDRH Co-Chair Baroness Sugg asked the Minister asked for more specific detail on how the UK is going to provide support to the women human rights defenders who are at such high risk and if we are helping, for example, with targeted documentation, advice on safe routes, specific support at the border and extraction to the UK. Lord Goldsmith replied that the Government is working on all of these matters and that he had travelled to the region with the Foreign Secretary to look at the issue of borders.

Afghan Relocations & Assistance Policy – 15th September 2021

Baroness D'Souza asked the HO what the Government was doing to support individuals and groups, working on ODA funded projects on gender and women's rights in Afghanistan under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP. The Minister of State for the HO, Baroness Williams of Trafford, told the House that a number of gender and women's rights activists were evacuated as

special cases under Operation Pitting and those still in Afghanistan may be eligible for resettlement under the Afghan citizens' resettlement scheme. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Crawley asked the Minister what help and advice the Government could offer to the many Afghan women judges who are in hiding from the Taliban because of the years in which they had headed up specialist courts in the provinces to protect women and girls. In reply, Baroness Williams read from the policy statement "The scheme will prioritise ... those who have assisted the UK efforts in Afghanistan and stood up for values such as democracy, women's rights and freedom of speech, or rule of law (for example, judges, women's rights activists, academics and journalists)". APPG on PDRH Co-Chair Baroness Sugg asked if the Government could expand the ARAP Scheme to assist local workers employed by the projects.

Virginity Testing – 12th October 2021

APPG on PDRH Co-Chair Baroness Sugg asked the Department of Health and Social Care what plans they have to seek to use the Health and Care Bill to fulfil their commitment to make virginity testing illegal. Lord Kamall, the PUSC for the Department of Health and Social Care, replied that in their VAWG strategy the Government had announced their intention to make virginity testing illegal and that this would happen as soon as parliamentary time allowed. Baroness Sugg then asked when the report of hymenoplasty would be returned in order for it to be possible to ban both practices at the same time. Lord Kamall gave the commitment that he would push as much as possible to make sure that both practices were outlawed together, but that hymenoplasty was a slightly more complicated issue as it is currently classed as cosmetic surgery.

Nutrition for Growth Summit – 13th October 2021

APPG on PDRH member Lord Collins of Highbury asked the Minister of State for the FCDO when the Government will announce their strategy for the Nutrition for Growth Summit in Tokyo in December. Lord Ahmad, the Minister of State for the FCDO, responded that a decision on a UK commitment and wider strategy will be made following the conclusion of the spending review, but that the Government continues to work closely with the Government of Japan.

Ethiopia: Tigray Region – 22nd November 2021

APPG on PDRH member Lord Collins of Highbury asked HMG what representations they have made to the government of Ethiopia about (1) the conflict and (2) the humanitarian situation, in the Tigray region, pointing out that despite the terrible extent of sexual violence in conflict in the region there has been no public word about the results of the scoping mission to Ethiopia by the UK PSVI team. Lord Goldsmith, the Minister of State, DEFRA and FCDO replied that the deployment by the PSVI UK team of experts had resulted in a review of the needs and gaps in the response, which was being taken forward, including through a specialist role based in the Embassy. He stated that he expected that that work to support accountability would begin in January and that they were not planning at this stage to make the review public, but that there will be briefings specifically for parliamentarians.

International Development Strategy – 25th November 2021

Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale asked when the Government will publish their International Development Strategy. Lord Goldsmith of Richmond Park, the Minister of State for DEFRA and FCDO, replied that the FCDO is working on a new cross-governmental International Development Strategy to set out the UK Government's strategic development goals, which will be published in spring 2022. Baroness Sugg subsequently asked the Minister about the Foreign Secretary's commitment to restore funding to women and girls to pre-cut levels, enquiring what year would be

used as a benchmark figure for this. Lord Goldsmith responded that they are committed to restoring funding to women and girls to pre-ODA cut levels.

White Ribbon Campaign – 25th November 2021

Baroness Crawley asked the Government what plans they have, if any, to support the White Ribbon campaign which seeks to end male violence against women. The Minister of State for the HO, Baroness Williams of Trafford, responded that she and her colleagues welcome and support this year's White Ribbon Campaign and that the Government's tackling VAWG strategy will radically change the response to male violence against women, that they have provided £300 million for victim and witness support services this year, an increase from around £200 million last year and that the Ministry of Justice has announced £185 million a year by 2024-25 to boost victim support services.

HIV and AIDS – 1st December 2021

Lord Fowler asked a Private Notice Question "To ask HMG what assessment they have made of the progress that has been made in the UK and globally in reducing HIV and AIDS, since World AIDS Day in 2020". Lord Kamall, the PUSC for the Health and Social Care Department, answered that since last World AIDS Day, the UK had signed up to the political declaration at the UN high-level meeting in June and declared a commitment to delivering a new global AIDS strategy towards the 2030 goal of ending AIDS altogether and domestically, have published a new HIV action plan. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Barker pointed out that there had been significant cuts to funding in 2021 and enquired if the Government would look at restoring the funding for UNAIDS and Unitaids. Lord Kamall replied that the reasons for some of those cuts was the pandemic, but that the Government are committed to continuing with funding and working at an international level.

Hate Crimes: Misogyny – 8th December 2021

Baroness Donaghy asked HMG what steps they are taking to make misogyny a hate crime. The Minister of State for the HO, Baroness Williams of Trafford, answered that the Government are committed to tackling VAWG and have asked the Law Commission to undertake a review of hate crime legislation, including whether additional protective characteristics such as sex and gender should be included. She added that the Law Commission was due to publish its recommendations imminently and that it was important that we hear what the commission proposes before deciding on a position on this matter. APPG on PDRH Co-Chair Baroness Hussein-Ece and other members of the House spoke in support of the question.

Rape Trials – 25th January 2022

Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede asked HMG what steps they are taking to increase the proportion of rape allegations that go to trial. In his reply Lord Stewart of Dirleton, The Advocate-General for Scotland, pointed to the Government's rape review action plan which, he claimed, aims are to improve victims' experience of the criminal justice system, increase the numbers of victims who stay engaged in the process and to build better and stronger cases so that more people are charged and, ultimately, more rapists go to prison. APPG on PDRH Co-Chair Baroness Hussein-Ece drew attention to the fact that as a result of funding cuts in recent years, two-fifths of police forces in England and Wales no longer have a specialist rape and serious sexual offences unit and questioned the Government's commitment to prioritising VAWG. Lord Stewart insisted that the Government were indeed committed and were on track to recruit a further 20,000 police officers by the end of this Parliament.

Medical Abortion Pills – 10th February 2022

APPG on PDRH Co-chair Baroness Sugg asked the Government what plans they have to extend the availability of the home use of pills for early medical abortion. The PUS for the Department of Health and Social Care, Lord Kamall, replied that his department were considering all evidence submitted to the Government's public consultation on whether to make the temporary measure permanent. He assured the House that the Department would publish their response as soon as possible and before the end of March to give providers sufficient time to plan for whatever the outcome is. Baroness Sugg countered that as all the evidence submitted had suggested that withdrawing the measure would lead to delays and possibly even unsafe abortions, the delay from the Government was difficult to understand. APPG on PDRH committee members Baroness Barker and Baroness Blackstone also spoke in favour of extending the temporary measure. Lord Kamall answered that a decision had not yet been made, but that his department would concentrate on looking at the data and the consultation before making a decision.

FCDO Nutrition Policy – 21st February 2022

Baroness Merron, on behalf of APPG on PDRH member Lord Collins of Highbury, asked the Government, how – in the light of their strategy papers on ending preventable deaths and global health systems strengthening, published on 14 December 2021 - they intend to implement the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Development Assistance Committee policy marker on nutrition across the FCDO portfolio. The Minister of State for the FCDO, Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, answered that the Foreign Secretary has confirmed that the UK will spend £1.5 billion between 2022 and 2030 on nutrition, addressing the nutrition needs of mothers, babies and children, tackling malnutrition in humanitarian emergencies and making sure that nutrition is central to the FCDO's wider work over the eight years to 2030. APPG on PDRH Co-Chair Baroness Sugg welcomed the Government's new commitment and asked the Minister for more details, specifically what will be the split between nutrition-sensitive and nutrition-specific programming and what would be the phasing of the spend. The Minister replied that he fully recognised the importance of both elements of the programming and ensuring that the £1.5 billion commitment covers both nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions and investments. He explained that they were currently going through the business-planning process and would then be able to provide more information on the expected nutrition investments for the 2022 to 2025 spending periods, after which he would update her.

International Development: Sexual and Reproductive Health – 28th February 2022

APPG on PDRH Co-chair Baroness Sugg asked the Government what plans they have to make investment in SRHR a priority in their International Development Strategy. In reply, The Minister of State for DEFRA and FCDO, Lord Goldsmith of Richmond Park, said that the Government was going to publish a new International Development Strategy in the spring, which would guide their work for the coming decade and beyond. To align development work with the aims and objectives of the integrated review and to prioritise women and girls through support to educating girls, empowering women and ending violence, which would include strengthening SRHR and working to end female genital mutilation. Baroness Sugg subsequently pointed out that SRHR and family planning programmes are extremely disproportionately impacted by the cuts to UK aid and asked for reassurance that SRHR would be an explicit priority in the upcoming strategy and that funding would be returned to previous levels of around 4% to 5% of ODA. Lord Goldsmith explained that SRHR was central to achieving the UK Government's manifesto commitment to end the preventable deaths of mothers, babies and children by 2030 and to commitments on Covid recovery and girls' education, to

which end The Foreign Secretary had been clear that funding would be restored to women and girls. APPG on PDRH member Lord Collins of Highbury reported that the cuts this year have resulted in 9.5 million fewer women and couples receiving services and enquired how much of the resources allocated to women and girls would be devoted to SRH Lord Goldsmith replied that but we would not know the answer until the IDS is published.

International Women's Day – 3rd March 2022

APPG on PDRH member Baroness Anelay of St Johns asked the Government how they planned to mark IWD on 8th March. The PUSS for the FCDO and DWP, Baroness Stedman-Scott, replied that in keeping with this year's theme of 'Break the Bias', the Government would be launching a new programme to support adolescent girls overseas with 21st-century skills to give them the knowledge and qualifications they need for employment and enterprise and would also make an announcement on focusing on improving the workplace for women. Baroness Anelay then enquired what the Government were doing through overseas aid to help the 12 million women in places like Afghanistan who currently face the risk of severe malnutrition. The Minister replied that the UK is pressing the World Bank and its shareholders to allocate the remainder of the £1.2 billion that is in the Afghan reconstruction trust fund, which includes the release of £280 million in December.

The Future of the Northern Ireland Assembly – 30th March 2022

Lord Moylan asked the Government, further to the Written Statement by the SoS for NI on 24th March (HCWS716) in which he stated his willingness "if necessary" to commission abortion services in NI after the Assembly election in May, what assessment they have made about the future of the NI Assembly. The PUSS for NI, Lord Caine, replied that the Government's assessment is that the future of the NI Assembly should not be affected in any way by any decision arising from the SoS's Written Statement. Lord Coaker responded that that it is not acceptable, two years after Parliament passed regulations setting up the framework for safe abortion services, that women and girls in NI still do not have access to high-quality abortion and post-abortion care. Lord Caine agreed and averred that although he could not give precise dates, he expected the Department of Health in NI to move quickly on this, but if this did not happen the SoS would intervene after the elections in the way in which he set out in his Written Statement.

Please find relevant text of oral PQs enclosed at appendix 26

Written Parliamentary Questions

Members of Parliament tabled a wide variety of SRHR, FP and population-related written PQs this year on the following subjects, which are available on the APPG on PDRH [website](#):

Abortion

Abortion: Ambulance Services

Abortion: Drugs

Abortion: Northern Ireland

Afghanistan: Females

Afghanistan: Forced Marriage

Afghanistan: Development Aid

Afghanistan: Humanitarian Situation

Africa: Development Aid

Africa: EU Aid

Armed Conflict: Gender Based Violence and Sexual Offences

Armed Conflict: Sexual Offences
Azerbaijan: Gender Based Violence
Cervical Cancer: Screening
Climate Change: Development Aid
Climate Change: Population
Commonwealth: Females
Commonwealth: Health Services
Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence
Crimes of Violence: Females
Developing Countries
Developing Countries: Gender Based Violence
Developing Countries: Midwives and Nurses
Developing Countries: Poverty
Development Aid
Development Aid: Climate Change
Development Aid: Diplomatic Service
Development Aid: Drugs and Surgery
Development Aid: Equality
Development Aid: Females
Development Aid: Health Services
Development Aid: HIV Infection
Development Aid: HIV Services
Development Aid: Nutrition
Domestic Abuse
Domestic Abuse: Victim Support Schemes
Domestic Abuse and Gender Based Violence
Eastern Europe: Humanitarian Aid
Ectopic Pregnancy
Ethiopia: Armed Conflict
Female Genital Mutilation
Gender Based Violence: Prosecutions
HIV Infection: Drugs
IVF: Standards
India: Development Aid
International Assistance
Lebanon: Development Aid
Mali: Women's Rights
Maternity Services: Safety
Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Independent Review
Midwives
Myanmar: Sexual Offences
Nigeria: Development Aid
Nigeria: Humanitarian Aid
North Korea: Human Rights
North Korea: Religious Freedom
Overseas Aid
Overseas Aid: Females
Pakistan: Females
Tigray: Armed Conflict
Tigray: Education
Ukraine: Family Planning and Maternity Services
UNAIDS: Finance

UK Government Team, Meetings, Correspondence, Consultations and Publications

The FCDO Ministerial team April 2021 - March 2022

The Rt Hon Liz Truss MP
Secretary of State FCDO &
Minister for Women and Equality
September 2021 - September 2022



The Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP
Secretary of State FCDO &
First Secretary of State
July 2019 - September 2021



Vicky Ford MP
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Minister for Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean
December 2021 - September 2022
(Minister for Africa)
September - December 2021



The Right Hon Amanda Milling MP
Minister of State
Minister for Asia FCDO
September 2021 - February 2022
Minister for Asia and the Middle East
February 2022 - September 2022





Wendy Morton MP
Parliamentary Under Secretary FCDO
(Minister for European Neighbourhood and the Americas)
February 2020 – December 2021



The Rt Hon Lord Goldsmith
Minister of State
Minister for Pacific and the Environment at DEFRA
February 2020 – present date



Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon
Minister of State
Minister for South Asia, North Africa, the UN and the
Commonwealth & Prime Minister's Special Representative on
PSVI
June 2017 – present date



Baroness Deborah Stedman-Scott OBE DL
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Work
and Pensions)
July 2019 - present date
and Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for
Women) September 2021 – present date



Amanda Solloway MP
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for
Equalities) and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
(Minister for Safeguarding)
July 2022 – September 2022



Helen Grant MP
Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Girls' Education
January 2021 – present date



Alicia Herbert OBE
Special Envoy for Gender Equality
January 2021 – present date



Sir Philip Robert Barton KCMG OBE
Permanent Under-Secretary at the FCDO
August 2020 – present date

The FCDO SRHR team is now situated in the Global Health and C-19 Directorate within the Human Development Department. Its remit includes policy on HIV, family planning, FGM and the continuum of sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health.



UK Government Meetings and Correspondence

The APPG on PDRH members and staff have been in regular communications with FCDO Ministers and staff via emails, letter writing and virtual and in-person meetings.

Importantly Baroness Sugg and staff held a virtual meeting on 28th April 2021 with Wendy Morton MP, then PUSS FCDO with the SRHR portfolio to discuss UK aid cuts. A summary of the discussion was sent to members reiterating Wendy Morton's reassurance that FCDO will continue to be outspoken on its international political support for SRHR, including abortion and CSE, despite cutting approximately 85% of financial spending on SRHR.

In May 2021, a letter was sent to Wendy Morton MP, PUSS FCDO highlighting two upcoming events, the APPG on PDRH Hearing report on Girls' Education launch in June 2021 and WPD reception in July 2021 and to invite ministers to speak. Wendy Morton MP accepted the invitation to speak at the WPD reception and Helen Grant MP, in her capacity as the PM's Special Envoy for Girls' Education, agreed to speak at the hearing report launch in June 2021. The WPD reception was sadly cancelled and the pre-COP26 reception organised subsequently was also cancelled due to continued Covid-19 restrictions in the UK Parliament. Helen Grant however spoke at the virtual APPG on PDRH Hearing Report launch (please see Hearing Report section for further information).

In May 2021, FCDO staff were sent a copy of the EPF letter on the Holy See and WHO membership, which staff kindly shared with their UK Geneva colleagues.

In June 2021, ahead of the G7 meeting, a letter was sent to Boris Johnson MP, UK PM, signed by 100 Parliamentary representatives of G7 nations and other partner and donor countries to highlight the importance of ensuring that SRHR be firmly on the G7 agenda. Numerous communications followed between APPG on PDRH advisor and FCDO staff to obtain reassurance about clear UK

messaging on the importance of SRHR-climate links and references to SRHR and climate finance at COP26.

Also in June 2021, Baroness Sugg signed a joint APPG letter to Boris Johnson MP, highlighting the importance of UK aid to Health and signatures were collected for the 'Wednesday4Women' G7 letter to Boris Johnson MP.

In August 2021, the APPG on Global LGBT+ Rights, APPG on Sexual and Reproductive Health in the UK, APPG on HIV and AIDS, APPG on Refugees and APPG on Population, Development and Reproductive Health sent a letter Boris Johnson, commending him and the UK Government on the swift action in the midst of the current crisis in setting up the Afghanistan Citizens' Resettlement Scheme and especially for his continued commitment to protecting the rights of and offering asylum to women, girls, religious and other minorities who were under threat in Afghanistan.

In December 2021, APPG on PDRH Co-chairs sent a letter to Liz Truss MP, congratulating her on her new appointment in September 2021 as SoS for FCDO and to highlight the importance of investing in women and girls' SRHR. Amanda Milling MP, Minister of State for Asia (Global Health and SRHR), FCDO responded in late December 2021 as follows:

The Foreign Secretary has committed to restoring levels of funding to humanitarian efforts and women and girls to pre-cut levels, which includes SRHR. I would like to assure you that the UK is firmly committed to defending and investing in comprehensive SRHR globally – including family planning and maternal health. SRHR is central to achieving the UK Government's commitment to end the preventable deaths of mothers, babies and children by 2030 and our ambitious commitments on girls' education.

Thank you also for your reference to the Guttmacher report, which we have welcomed. It adds to the body of knowledge we have on the impact COVID-19 is having on women and children's health. We are grateful for the recommendations made to the UK which we take into consideration our contribution to addressing the challenges the pandemic has brought us.

APPG on PDRH staff attended the virtual UK SRHR Network meetings this year (please see General Collaboration, Meeting and Communication and section for further information), which included updates from FCDO staff on their comms tool, '3 Es' (educating girls, empowering women and ending violence) and FCDO reports to be published including their Gender Vision update paper, Ending Preventable Deaths Action plan, Health System Strengthening paper and the long-awaited ID Strategy.

On 14th December 2021, FCDO launched its Ending Preventable Deaths Action plan and Health System Strengthening paper.

In the spring 2022, conversations were held with FCDO and British HC, Uganda in connection with the forthcoming APPG on PDRH study tour to Uganda, May - June 2022.

Please find sample communications and letters enclosed at appendix 27

UK Government and ID Committee Consultations

On 23rd April 2021, the APPG on PDRH submitted its hearing report on Population Dynamics and SDG to the IDS inquiry on COP26 to highlight the interrelations between family planning, SRHR and climate adaptation especially.

On 6th September 2021, the APPG on PDRH submitted written evidence to FCDO ID strategy consultation with highlights from UK SRHR Network submission, APPG on PDRH Girls' Education and SRHR Hearing Report and Gutmacher/UNFPA Adding it up Report.

Please find communications enclosed at appendix 28

UK Government Publications

Link to all FCDO papers can be found here: [Policy papers and consultations - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/policy-papers-and-consultations)

Publications of particular interest this year include:

[FCDO Outcome Delivery Plan: 2021 to 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fcdo-outcome-delivery-plan-2021-to-2022)

[FCDO annual report and accounts 2021 to 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fcdo-annual-report-and-accounts-2021-to-2022)

[Every girl goes to school, stays safe, and learns: 5 years of global action 2021 to 2026 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/every-girl-goes-to-school-stays-safe-and-learns-5-years-of-global-action-2021-to-2026)

[World Bank Development Committee 2021: UK Governor's statement - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/world-bank-development-committee-2021-uk-governor-s-statement)

[Ensuring the rights and wellbeing of children born of sexual violence in conflict: call to action - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ensuring-the-rights-and-wellbeing-of-children-born-of-sexual-violence-in-conflict-call-to-action)

[Health systems strengthening for global health security and universal health coverage - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-systems-strengthening-for-global-health-security-and-universal-health-coverage)

[Ending preventable deaths of mothers, babies and children by 2030 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ending-preventable-deaths-of-mothers-babies-and-children-by-2030)

[Disability-Inclusion-and-Rights-Strategy-2022.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/publications/disability-inclusion-and-rights-strategy-2022)

International Funding to FP/SRHR and HIV/AIDS

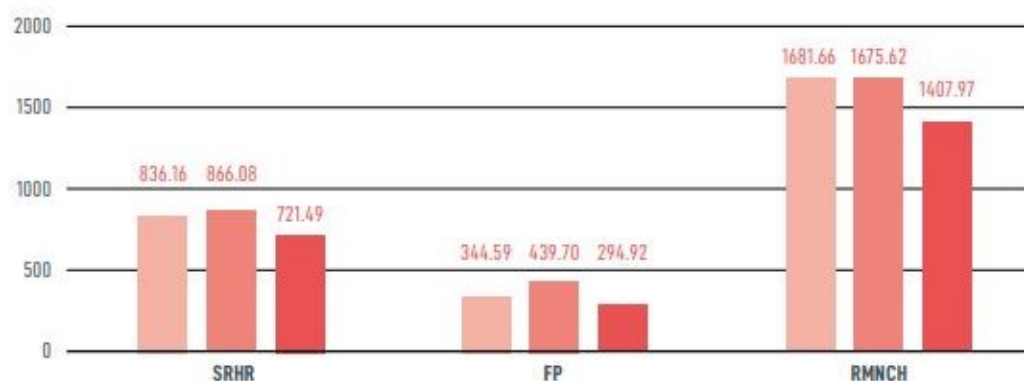
The UK Government's decision in November 2020 to cut the amount spent on ODA from 0.7% to 0.5% of GNI, resulted in cuts to development programmes in 2021 of more than £4bn, including an estimated 85% cut to SRHR programmes.

In November 2021 Liz Truss MP announced that the UK Government would restore gender equality funding to pre-cut ODA levels as part of her vision to put women and girls at the heart of the UK's new international development assistance strategy. The exact impact on SRHR ODA is still to be determined but UNFPA, IPPF and MSI have had some funding restored.

Below are latest ODA funding figures of interest to SRHR stakeholders:

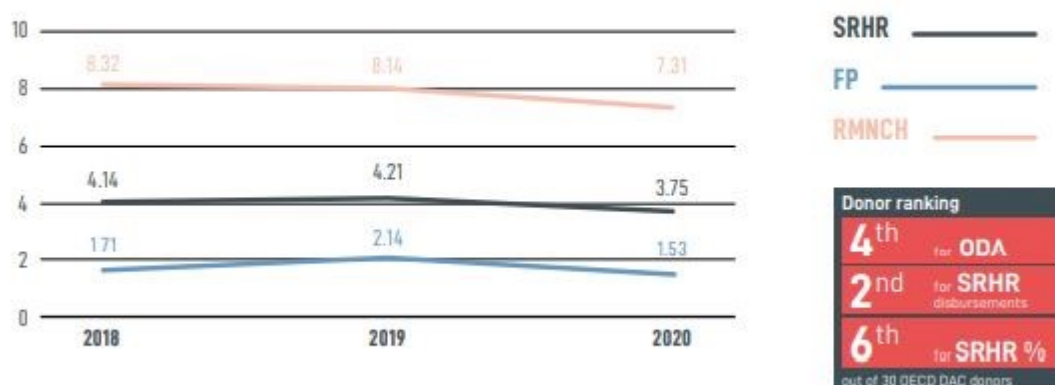
EPF Donor's Delivering on SRHR report available here: [Donors Delivering Report | EPF \(epfweb.org\)](https://www.epfweb.org/donors-delivering-on-srhr)

SRHR, FP and RMNCH disbursements in million USD, 2020 constant prices, for 2018 2019 2020



UK 2018, 2019, 2020 actual ODA to SRHR and RMNCH in million USD as per EPF Donors Delivering Report 2022

Yearly SRHR, FP and RMNCH disbursements as a percentage of total ODA, 2018 – 2020



UK 2018 – 2020 SRHR, FP and RMNCH disbursement as percentage of total ODA as per EPF Donors Delivering Report 2022

DFID/FCDO Funding to UN and International NGOs, 2013-2020 (£ thousands)

Organisation	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	Funding Stream
UNFPA	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	DFID - Core Funding
	49,000	125,000	60,000	50,000	55,000	74,000	153,000		Supplies Partnership Funding
WHO	5,000 Voluntary 13,000 Assessed	35,000 Voluntary 13,000 Assessed	30,000 Voluntary 13,000 Assessed	19,500	14,500	14,500	14,500	14,500	DFID - Core Funding
UNICEF	48,000	48,000	48,000	48,000	48,000	48,000	48,000	46,000	DFID - Core Funding
UNAIDS	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	DFID - Core Funding
IPPF	47,000 WISH 1 ACCESS 1 SAAF	33,000 WISH 1 ACCESS 1 SAAF	5,000 WISH			400	1,000	1,500	Other - Non-Core Funding
					6,450	8,600	8,600	8,600	DFID - Programme Partnership Agreement
MSI Reproductive Choices	48,433	46,716	62,344	46,342	22,941	19,717	15,661	14,303	Mixed Restricted/Unrestricted
					4,353	3,265	5,441	4,393	DFID - Programme Partnership Agreement
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria	476,000	370,000	360,000	317,000	153,000	100,000	285,000	543,044	DFID - Core Funding
UN Women	13,000	13,000	13,000	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	DFID - Core Funding

Source: Statistics on International Development: Final UK Aid Spend 2020 and HoL Hansard; MSI funding figures by MSI

DFID/FCDO bilateral expenditure directly targeting HIV and AIDS, April-March 2011/12-2017/18 and calendar years 2018-2020 (£ millions)

Input Sector Code	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018	2019	2020
13041 HIV/AIDS including STI Prevention	69	50.3	37.5	25.7	21.5	22.7	9.8	6.8	5.2	8.42 *
13042 HIV/AIDS including STI Treatment and Care	27.3	40.2	10.9	8.1	5.7	4.4	2.5	3.2	3.1	
Grand Total	96.3	46.1	48.4	33.8	27.2	27.1	12.3	10.1	8.28	8.42

** This is code "13040" and is the official OECD DAC code for both "13041" and "13042". These codes were defined and solely used by former DFID. They did not exist in former FCO spend data and would not provide a complete picture for the FCDO.*

DFID/FCDO bilateral expenditure directly targeting reproductive health, April-March 2011/12-2017/18 and calendar years 2018-2020 (£ millions)

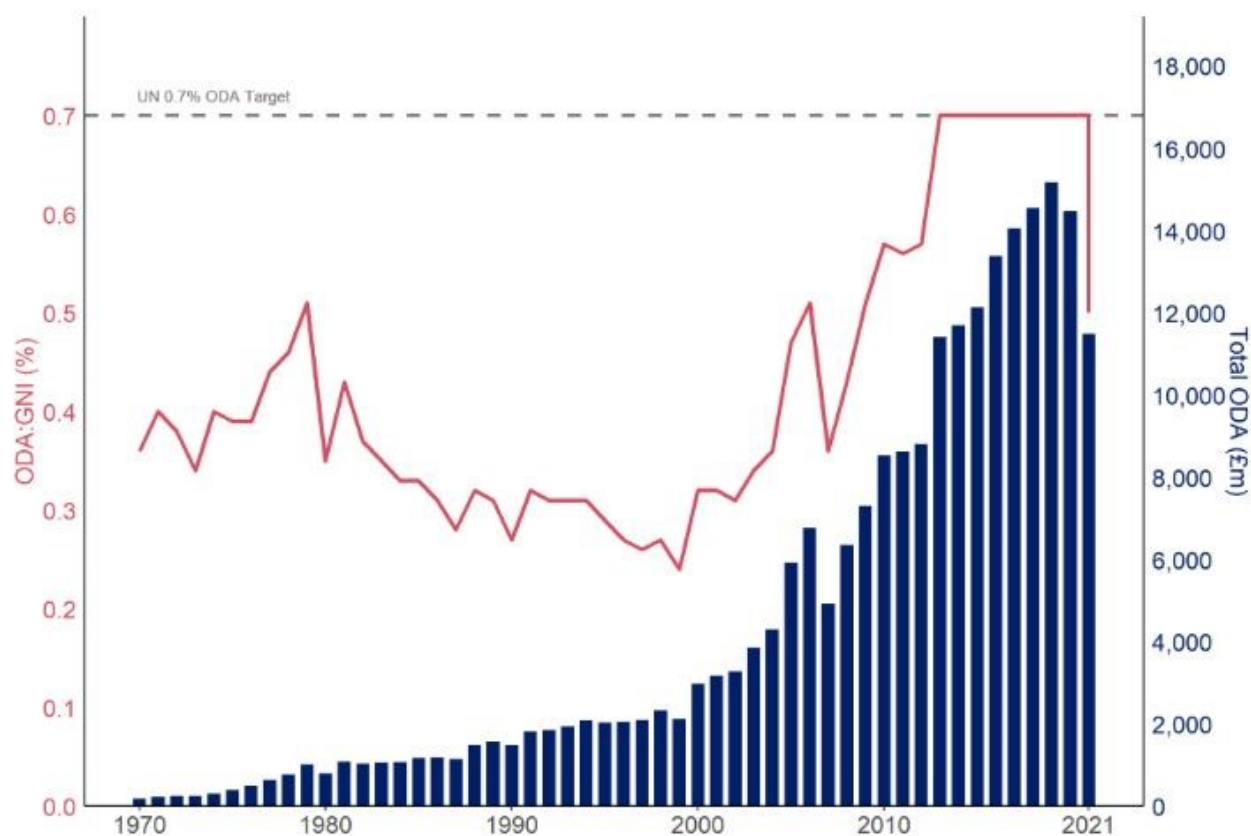
Input Sector Code	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018	2019	2020
13010 Population Policy and Administrative Management	6.1	5.4	11.5	4.3	3.1	3.9	6.3	4	6	9
13021 Reproductive Health Care	108.9	36.7	49.4	55.4	46.3	51.4	49.8	45.5	49.4	109 *
13022 Maternal and Neonatal Health	121.4	125.8	163.4	207	124.7	122.5	134	117.3	99.3	
13030 Family Planning, Health	43.8	109.7	127	124.5	121	108.2	159.1	174.5	252.1	164
13081 Personnel Development for Population and Reproductive Health			9.3	12.9	18.6	21	22.7	17.1	15	11
Grand Total	280.1	277.6	360.6	404.1	313.7	307.2	371.9	358.5	421.3	293

** This is code "13020" and is the official OECD DAC code for both "13021" and "13022".*

Tables above provide details of DFID/FCDO bilateral expenditure directly targeting reproductive health and HIV/AIDS activities. However, according to DFID/FCDO, the UK's direct spend on HIV should not be seen as the sum total of their work. DFID/FCDO is seeking to optimise linkages and integration with other sectors where greater impact and efficiency can be achieved. The UK also supports the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS projects and programmes at country level, strengthening health systems in their partner countries to deliver HIV outcomes and funding research. DFID/FCDO are unable to accurately disaggregate UK HIV expenditure from these wider interventions.

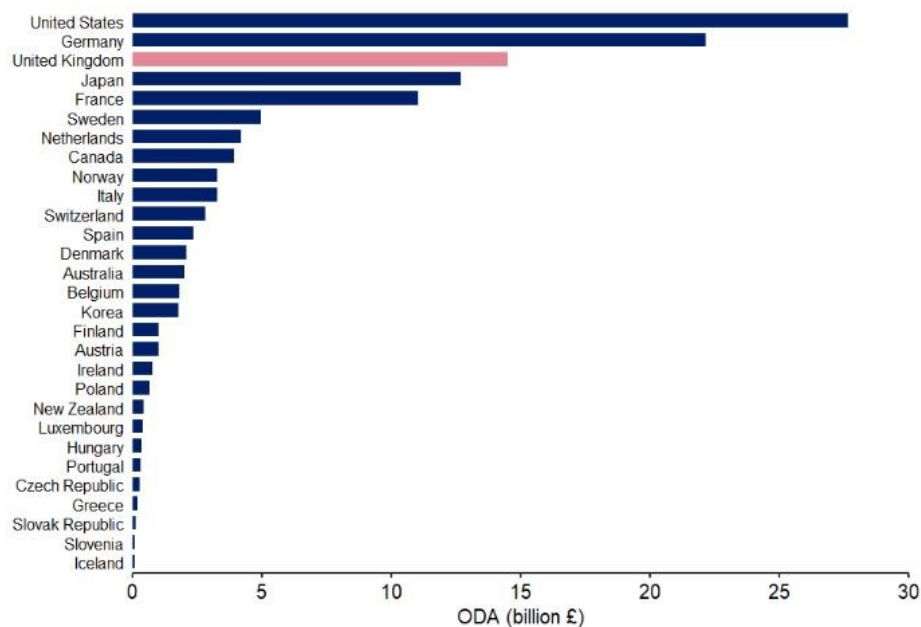
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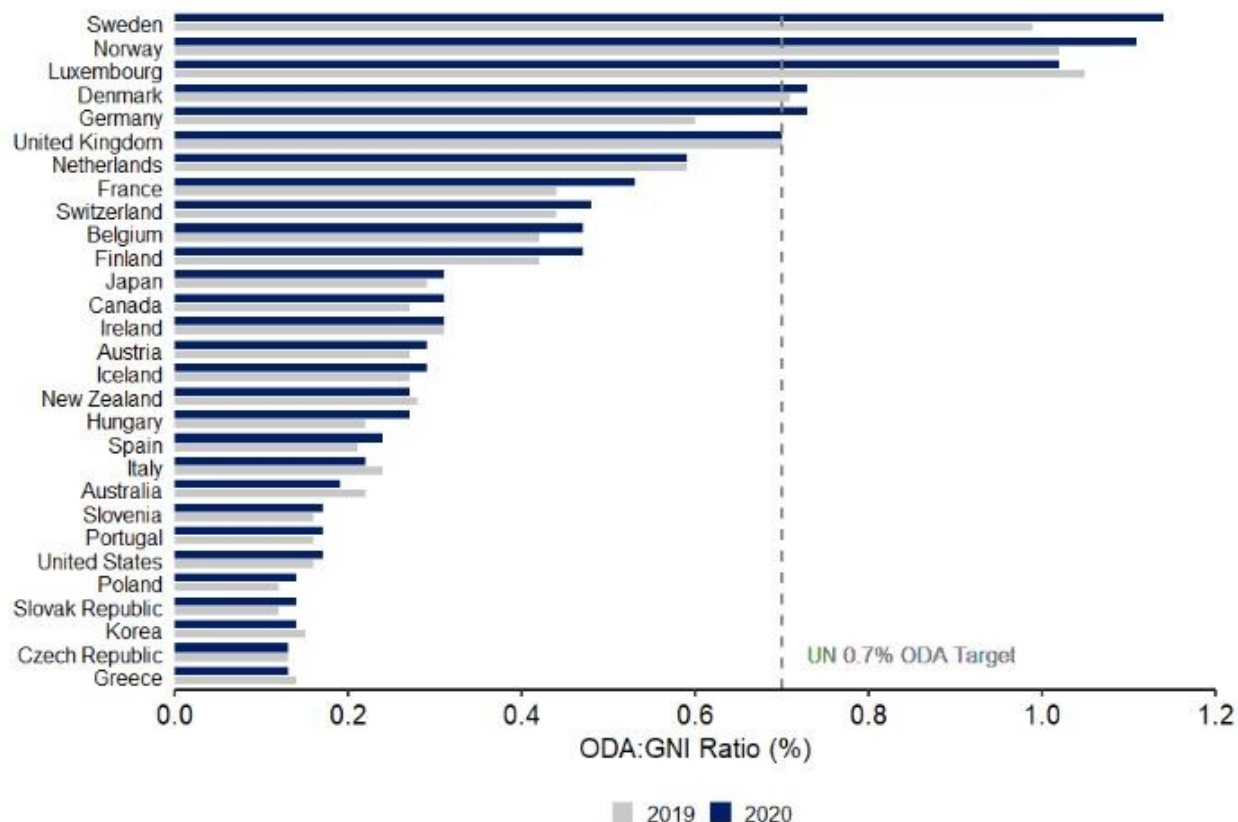


Source: [Statistics on International Development: Provisional UK Aid Spend 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/statistics-on-international-development-provisional-uk-aid-spend-2021)

Provisional ODA from DAC Donors, 2020



Provisional ODA/GNI ratios from DAC Donors, 2020



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International Conferences

Global Education Summit, 28th – 29th July 2021, UK



APPG on PDRH members were engaged in Parliamentary activities surrounding the Girls' Education Summit as a follow up to its Hearing Report in 2021 on Girls' Education and SRHR, highlighting the importance of CSE and adolescents accessing SRHR services to ensure 12 years of education. Select APPG on PDRH members attended plenary and side events at the hybrid Global Education Summit, co-hosted by UK PM Boris Johnson and Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta, which raised a record US\$4 billion from donors for the Global Partnership for Education (GPE).

The two-day hybrid event brought together leaders from governments, businesses, private foundations and development banks to commit funding and support to children's education in the world's lowest-income countries.

Donor pledges secured at the Summit build on the commitment to girls' education announced the month prior at the G7, where leaders pledged at least \$2.7 billion to GPE and called on other donors to step up and fully fund GPE's ambitious new five-year plan. This includes the UK's pledge of £430 million (US\$600 million). This is the UK's largest ever pledge to GPE and maintains the UK as GPE's top bilateral donor.



Boris Johnson MP, UK PM

Speech available here: [PM speech at the Global Education Summit: 29 July 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/speech/pm-speech-at-the-global-education-summit-29-july-2021)

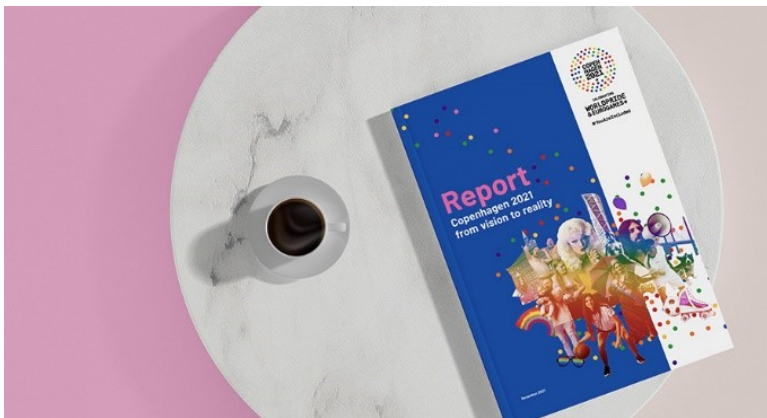


Dominic Raab MP, SoS for FCDO

Speech available here: [Global Education Summit: Foreign Secretary's speech - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/global-education-summit-foreign-secretary-s-speech)

The Summit underlined education's key role in accelerating the fight to end poverty, prevent climate change and improve health outcomes and highlighted the importance of putting education at the top of the international agenda as the world seeks to respond to and recover from the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Summit secured record commitments of international, domestic and private funding for education, providing a huge boost to children's learning in the world's lowest-income countries.

Copenhagen Human Rights and LGBTI+ Conference, 18th – 21st August 2021, DK



Baroness Barker participated in the EPF programme (virtually due to UK Covid-19 restrictions) at the Copenhagen Human Rights Conference. This was the most significant LGBTI+ conference with an eclectic arts and culture programme and the biggest ever LGBTI+ human rights forum.

The high point of the EPF delegation's trip to Copenhagen World Pride was a day-long programme of events on 20th August hosted at the Danish Parliament. 100 MPs from around the world participated either physically or online.

Throughout the day, the EPF organised a breakout session on legislating for inclusive UHE, including sexual minorities. The session created a platform for a dialogue bringing together decision-makers from four regions to share regional perspectives, best practices and challenges on legislating for inclusive UHC that encompasses sexual minorities and their specific needs in this regard.

The gathering recalled that in Agenda 2030, 193 UN Member States committed to “ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages”, defining specific targets that are highly relevant for LGBT people regarding UHC.

Other topics discussed throughout the day included a presentation on the “Over the Rainbow” OECD report and the role of civil society supporting LGBTQ elected officials.

WorldPride is a biannual festival celebrating the global LGBTIQ+ community. The next event will take place in Sydney in 2023.



EPF (in-person) delegation, Copenhagen Human Rights Conference

Full report on the conference is available here: [Report | Copenhagen 2021](#)

COP26 Conference, 31st October – 13th November 2021, UK



The UK hosted the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) at the Scottish Event Campus (SEC) in Glasgow on 31st October – 13th November 2021.

The UN Climate Change Conference brought together 120 world leaders and over 40,000 registered participants, including 22,274 party delegates, 14,124 observers and 3,886 media representatives to accelerate action towards the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN Framework Convention on

Climate Change. For two weeks, the world was riveted on all facets of climate change — the science, the solutions, the political will to act and clear indications of action.

Select members attended the conference plenary and several side events including: UNFPA side events: A) Removing barriers to health and education - an essential climate adaptation and resilience strategy and B) Addressing climate adaptation through strengthening health and protection systems confirmation and PMNCH side event: Building adolescents' resilience to climate change.

Leading up to the conference APPG on PDRH members were engaged in parliamentary activities surrounding COP26 as a follow up to its Hearing Report in 2015 on Population Dynamics and the SDGs, to draw attention to the role of population dynamics in achieving sustainable development.

The outcome of COP26 available is here: the [Glasgow Climate Pact](#) and is the fruit of intense negotiations among almost 200 countries over the two weeks, strenuous formal and informal work over many months and constant engagement both in-person and virtually for nearly two years.

Support and Collaboration with Other All-Party Parliamentary Groups

The UK APPG on PDRH secretariat continue to exchange information and support the establishment and activities of other APPGs both in the UK and abroad. Support has been given via email communication, telephone conversations and via virtual and in-person meetings.

In May and November 2021 the Rwandan APPG on Population and Development received information about RCOG 'making abortion safe' grants and in May 2021 administrative support was given to the Danish APPG on SRHR in connection with its AGM and election of officers. In August 2021 Alastair Hudson, CEO of HIV Scotland contacted APPG on PDRH advisor to follow up on EPF membership discussion held previously. In December 2021 the Spanish APPG on SRHR received follow up information on medical abortion, as requested.

In September 2021 the APPG on PDRH advisor met with Catrin Hughes, the new APPG SRH secretariat at the Labour party conference in Brighton to offer administrative support, as requested and in December 2021 a meeting was held with Mark Lewis, APPG HIV/AIDS secretariat to discuss potential joint activities/APPG administration activities.

AfGH has been particularly active this year in coordinating regular online meetings amongst UK APPGs working on Health and related issues via APPGCoordinators@afgh.groups.io. In attendance have been secretariats from: APPG HIV/AIDS; APPG on SRH; APPG LGBTI+ APPG Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases; APPG SDGs and other APPGs have attended intermittently.

APPGs were given the opportunity at these meetings to share intelligence, outline APPG objectives and advocacy tactics and discuss potential joint activities. The meetings also gave APPGs the opportunity to share administrative hurdles and how to overcome them.

Discussions and activities of particular importance this year have included communications and sharing of intelligence on the Copenhagen Human Rights Conference in August 2021, a joint APPG letter sent to SoS for FCDO in August 2021 on Afghanistan and evacuation of vulnerable populations

and health, a meeting with Winnie Byanyima UNAIDS ED in September 2021, sharing United4IstanbulConvention Campaign in December 2021, discussions surrounding FCDO Ending Preventable Deaths and HSS paper launches in December 2021, joint Westminster debates on ODA and health with Andrew Mitchell MP taking the lead, discussion surrounding Chris Bryant MP's article opposing APPGs in the UK Parliament in February - March 2022, APPG SRH exchanging information with EPF on UK contraceptive services in support of EPF's contraceptive atlas and importantly an APPG stall at the Care IWD reception in March 2022 to display and highlight APPG activities and engage new parliamentarians. 27 UK parliamentarians attended the event and were spoken to about the advantages of becoming members of APPGs.

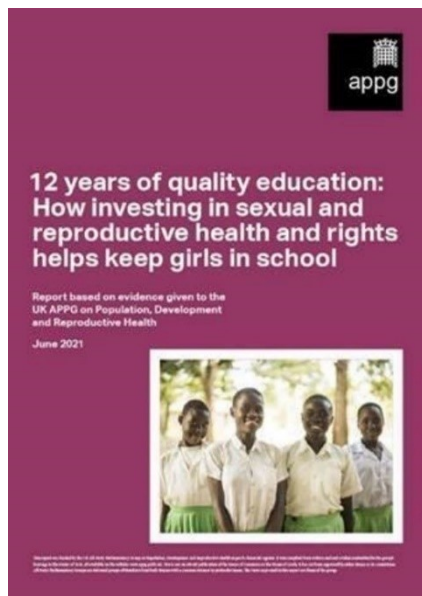


APPG stall at IWD event 2022, HoL

Please find sample communications enclosed at appendix 29

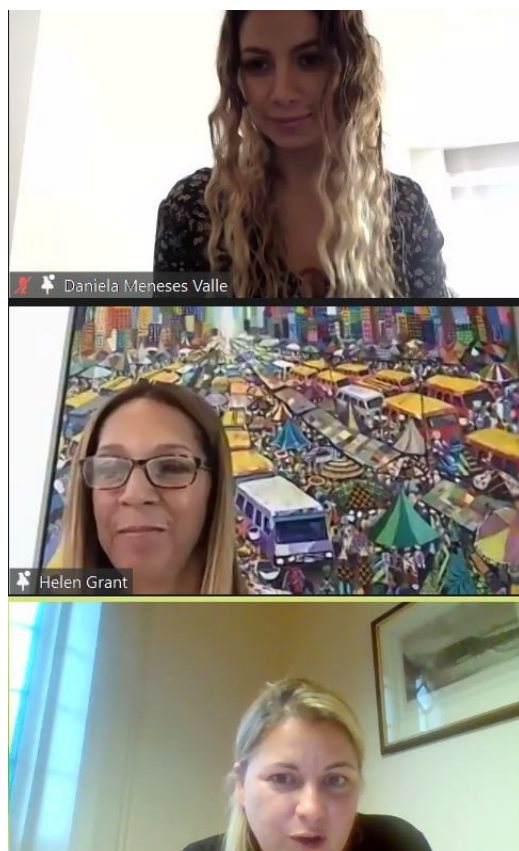
APPG on PDRH Hearing Reports

12 years of quality education: How investing in sexual and reproductive health and rights helps keep girls in school, June 2021



The APPG on PDRH Hearing report: ‘12 years of quality education: How investing in SRHR helps keep girls in school’ was launched jointly with EPF on 10th June 2021 with 100 people in attendance, ahead of the G7 summit hosted by the UK Government.

Helen Grant MP, the UK Prime Minister’s Special Envoy for Girls’ Education was the keynote speaker at the launch, alongside Petra Bayr, President EPF; Esi Asare Prah, Advocacy and Youth Focal Coordinator, MSI Ghana; and Daniela Meneses Valle, medical doctor from Ecuador and activist for SRHR. Baroness Sugg chaired the launch supported by Baroness Hussein-Ece. A press release was disseminated widely prior to the launch.



APPG Hearing Report Online Launch



The APPG on PDRH hearing report found that nearly one third of girls who drop out of school do so because of pregnancy. In order for the UK Government to achieve their goals on girls' education, they will have to invest in SRHR services to enable girls and young women to remain in school. Formal education is key to avoiding pregnancy and child marriage. Investing in adolescent girls through education and reproductive health and rights ensures sustainable development, as well as economic development.

The report recommends:

- Donors and their programme delivery partners should commit to long-term predictable investment, taking a multi-pronged approach to reach girls both in school and out of school, that includes the provision of adolescent reproductive health services and CSE.
- The UK Government needs to include a clear strategy for long-term investment in SRHR, with a particular focus on adolescent girls, as part of the upcoming International Development Review.
- National governments need to invest in high-quality, rights-based CSE for children and adolescents both in and out of school and repeal policies and practices that result in the exclusion or expulsion of girls from school for reasons of pregnancy, marital status or sexual activity.

The full report with recommendations is available on the APPG on PDRH website [here](#).

The report was disseminated widely after the launch to UK Parliamentarians, relevant UK cabinet ministers, EPF member organisations and MPs and interested SRHR stakeholders.

In September 2021 the report was submitted as written evidence to the FCDO ID strategy consultation, which was launched in May 2022.

The link between Girls' Education and SRH has been highlighted in parliamentary debates and questions and is widely accepted by the UK Government including its latest approach paper, December 2021: Ending preventable deaths of mothers, babies and children which read:

"Box 9. International Commitments at the G7: Foreign & Development Communique

We recognise universal access to quality and affordable comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services, including comprehensive sexuality education, as life-saving and critical to achieving universal health coverage. The G7 reaffirms our full commitment to the SRHR of all individuals. We further recognise their right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, which should be enjoyed free from discrimination, coercion, exploitation and violence. We commit to working together to prevent and address the severe impacts on SRHR from the pandemic. We commit to intensify our efforts, including by working with other countries and civil society, to accelerate progress towards the universal enjoyment of SRHR, with specific attention to the most marginalised and inadequately served groups, including adolescents, those belonging to racial and ethnic minority groups and LGBTQI+ individuals."

Baroness Sugg PQ, February 2022 read:

"Asked by Baroness Sugg:

To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to make investment in sexual and reproductive health and rights a priority in their International Development Strategy.

The Minister of State, Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, (Lord Goldsmith of Richmond Park) (Con);

My Lords, the Government will publish a new International Development Strategy this spring that will guide our work for the coming decade and beyond. It will align our development work with the aims and objectives of the integrated review and will continue to prioritise women and girls through support to educate girls, empower women and end violence, including by strengthening sexual and reproductive health and rights and working to end female genital mutilation!"

In February 2021, the Report was submitted as an abstract for presentation at the forthcoming FP Conference in Thailand, November 2022. It was accepted as a poster presentation and the APPG on PDRH will display it as such with hard copies of the report.

Members of the APPG on PDRH are also planning on highlighting and disseminating the report at the EPF parliamentary and other side events at the FP Conference to engage other parliamentarians in this subject to support and secure the rights of girls globally.

WHO DECIDES? We trust women: Abortion in the developing world and the UK, March 2018



The UK APPG on PDRH continues to follow up on its hearing report on abortion in the developing world and the UK and its recommendations.

Baroness Barker and Dame Diana Johnson MP tabled PMBs to decriminalise abortion in the UK in May 2021, but were not successful in the ballot. In July 2021, Diana Johnson MP tabled an amendment to the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill, but the amendment was not pushed to a vote.

During Covid-19 telemedical medical abortion was allowed in England up to 10 weeks gestation. In November 2020, the UK Government opened a consultation on telemedical abortion after pressure to keep the service available after Covid-19. The APPG on PDRH submitted its hearing report on abortion in February 2021, which recommend that the choice of medical abortion at home for women and girls become a permanent option in England.

Despite intensive pro-choice campaign activities surrounding the consultation, in August 2021 a decision was made by the UK Government to stop telemedical abortion at the end of Covid restrictions.

Numerous strategic meetings were set up subsequently by the APPG on PDRH with Baroness Sugg, Baroness Barker and Diana Johnson MP, BPAS, FSRH, RCOG and MSI to strategise and discuss how to ensure telemedical abortion becomes a permanent option for women in England after the UK Government's decision to end this service in August 2022.

The numerous meetings and discussions resulted in several op-eds and news articles on the subject, letter writing to ministers, oral and written PQs and debates on telemedical abortion and most importantly, Baroness Sugg and Baroness Barker tabled an amendment to the Health and Care Bill in

March 2022 and on 17th March 2022 the debate and amendment secured a vote of 75 content and 25 not content, to keep telemedicine after August 2022.

Prior to the Health and Care Bill debate and vote in the HoC, campaign activities were re-instigated and numerous briefings were disseminated to MPs from professional colleges including RCOG, SRHR NGOs, Durham University of Lawyers and WHO. Prior to the HoC debate the APPG on PDRH disseminated BPAS, MSI and RCOG telemedicine postcards to all MPs in Parliament.

The HoC debate on 29th March 2022 on the amendment secured a vote of 215 to 188 against Government policy, to end the telemedicine services from August 2022. This saw the biggest change to abortion care in England since 1967 Abortion Act and a huge win for pro-choice campaigners and women and girls in England.

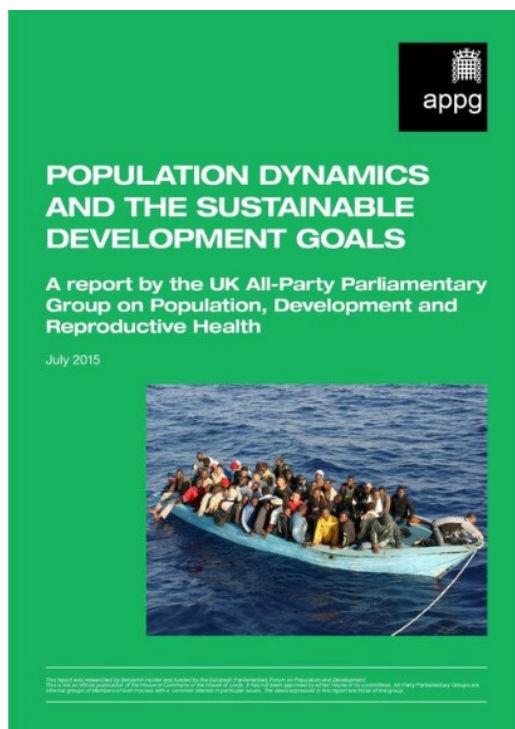
While the Abortion (Northern Ireland) Regulations came into force in 2021, it is still not implemented, so pressure continues to ensure the commissioning of abortion services in NI.

A statement made in both houses on 22nd July 2021 said that services should be available by 31st March 2022 at the latest. A further statement on 24th March 2022 said that it was clear that services would not be available by the scheduled deadline and that further regulations and directions would be put in place.

Creating buffer zones around abortion clinics to stop women and girls being harassed at a difficult time, is also receiving attention from APPG on PDRH members.

The full report and its recommendations are available on the APPG on PDRH website [here](#).

Population Dynamics and the SDGs, July 2015



The APPG on PDRH continues to follow up on its hearing report Population Dynamics and the SDG, emphasising the importance of universal access to SRHR and the role of population dynamics and achieving sustainable development and its interplay with climate change in the lead up to COP26 in Glasgow 2021.

On 23rd April 2021, the APPG on PDRH submitted its hearing report to the IDC inquiry on COP26 to draw attention to the role of population dynamics in achieving the SDGs and its interplay with climate change, conflict and migration.

The full report and its recommendations are available on the APPG on PDRH website [here](http://www.appg.org.uk).

A Childhood Lost: A Report on Child Marriage in the UK and the Developing World, November 2012



The APPG on PDRH continues to follow up on its hearing report on child marriage.

Pauline Latham MP and Baroness Hussein-Ece re-tabled the PMB, Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill, in May 2021 following the Queen's Speech, but neither were successful in the ballot. Sajid Javid MP however was selected fifth in the ballot and agreed to take over the minimum marriage age PMB. When Sajid Javid MP was appointed as the SoS for HSC soon after, sponsorship of the bill was handed to Pauline Latham MP, supported by Baroness Sugg and Baroness Hussein-Ece in the HoL. The bill received its second reading in November 2021 and third reading in February 2022. Several meetings and conversations were held between interested MPs, Child Marriage NGOs and Lawyers to discuss and coordinate campaign activities including letter writing to relevant cabinet Ministers and MPs leading up to the child marriage debates. Oral PQs were also tabled including by Pauline Latham MP in January 2022 see here:

Pauline Latham MP:

What steps he is taking to provide information in schools for all at-risk children on forced marriage and child marriage.

Will Quince MP, PUSS for Education:

The "Keeping children safe in education" statutory guidance provides a strong safeguarding framework for schools. It sets out the role that all school staff have to play in safeguarding children, including information for staff on what forced marriage actually is, as well as signposting to further help from the Government's forced marriage unit.

Pauline Latham MP: My Private Member's Bill, the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill, has its Third Reading on 25 February. We are approaching a crucial time for young people at risk of child marriage. Many child marriages happen

when children are taken abroad, generally in the summer holidays and often to someone they have never met. Will the Minister meet me to discuss how we can raise awareness of this issue in schools so that children know they can speak out if their parents or other relatives intend to take them abroad to be married in the school holidays and so that teachers know how to report children they consider to be at risk?

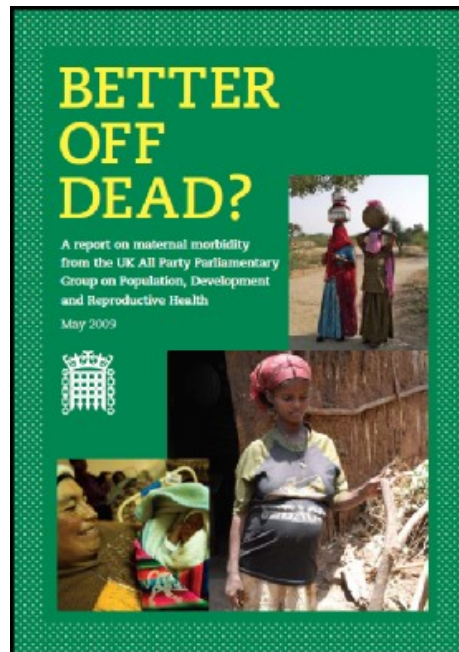
Will Quince MP, PUSS for Education:

“Keeping children safe in education” is clear that all school and college staff should offer early help to children at risk of forced marriage or who are missing from education. It also signposts to detailed information developed by the forced marriage unit that outlines how schools and colleges should handle any concerns relating to forced marriage. My hon. Friend has campaigned long and hard on this issue and of course I would be very happy to meet her.”

The bill finally received royal assent on 28 April 2022. See full Act and process here: [Marriage and Civil Partnership \(Minimum Age\) Act 2022 - Parliamentary Bills - UK Parliament](#)

The full hearing report with its recommendations is available [here](#).

Better Off Dead? A report on maternal morbidity, May 2009



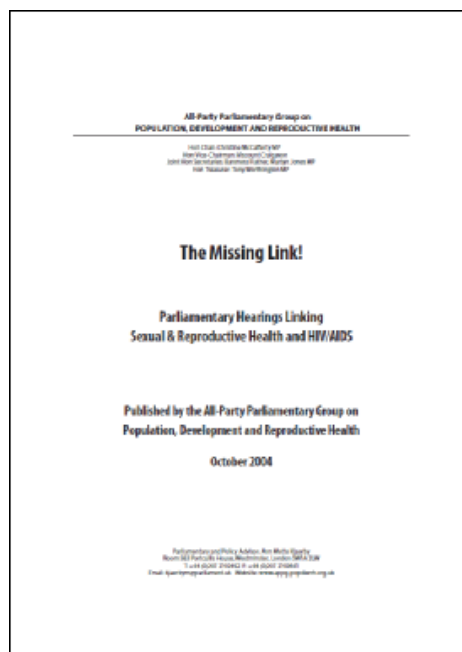
The APPG on PDRH continues to promote its 2009 hearing report and recommendations on maternal morbidity. The report can be downloaded from the APPG on PDRH website [here](#).

Return of the Population Growth Factor: Its impact upon the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), January 2007/May 2009



The APPG on PDRH's 2007 hearing report, 'Return of the Population Growth Factor: Its impact upon the MDGs' and the 2009 updated summary leaflet can be downloaded from the APPG on PDRH website [here](#).

The Missing Link! Linking Sexual & Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS, October 2004



The APPG on PDRH 2004 hearing report, 'The Missing Link!', can be downloaded from the APPG on PDRH website [here](#).

Female Genital Mutilation, November 2000



The first successful UK FGM prosecution was in February 2019; there have been no further prosecutions despite the Crown Prosecution Service's efforts.

In March 2020, following numerous requests from FGM activists, the APPG on PDRH held an FGM/C experts roundtable meeting. Around 50 activists presented current findings and positions on FGM in developing countries and the UK and a lively discussion followed. APPG on PDRH members and Ann Mette Kjaerby have since met with and spoken to various parliamentarians in connection with the possible re-establishment of an APPG on FGM, to focus specifically on FGM in the UK, but Covid-19 halted progress.

Please find sample communications enclosed at appendix 30

The FGM report can be downloaded from the APPG on PDRH website [here](#).

Publications

Activity Reports

Annual Activity Reports have been published since 1993/1994 to the present date and can be found on the APPG on PDRH website [here](#).

Hearings/Surveys/Reports

12 years of quality education: How investing in sexual and reproductive health and rights helps keep girls in school, June 2021

WHO DECIDES? We trust women: Abortion in the developing world and the UK, March 2018

Population Dynamics and the Sustainable Development Goals, July 2015

A Childhood Lost: A Report on Child Marriage in the UK and the Developing World, November 2012

Return of the Population Growth Factor: Its Impact upon the Millennium Development Goals, Updated Summary and Graphs/Tables, July 2009

Better Off Dead: A Report on Maternal Morbidity, May 2009

Return of the Population Growth Factor: Its Impact upon the Millennium Development Goals, January 2007 (Main Report and Executive Summary Report (translated into German and French))

The Missing Link: Linking Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS, October 2004 (Main Report, Executive Summary and Recommendations Report and CD-ROM)

Female Genital Mutilation: Report on Parliamentary Hearings and Survey on FGM, May 2000

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Development Strategies for the 21st Century: The South-South Partnership in Population and Development, Report of the Parliamentary Hearing, March 1997

Working with Parliamentarians and Government Officials, Report on Workshop, London, March 1996

Implementing the Cairo ICPD 1994 Programme of Population, Reproductive Health and Development, European Parliamentary Forum for Action Report, Brussels 1995

Women's Rights and Sexual Health, Report of Consultations held with agencies involved in women's issues, 1995

The Well-Spent Pound: An assessment of AID Agency priorities for population activities, NGO Review 1993

European Agenda for Action on World Population, Report of the European Parliamentarians Conference, London 1992

Accounts

Please find APPG on PDRH accounts April 2021 - March 2022 enclosed at appendix 31

Acronyms

ACCM	Agency for Culture and Change Management
AfGH	Action for Global Health
AGM	Annual general meeting
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
APPG	All-Party Parliamentary Group
APPG on PDRH	All-Party Parliamentary Group on Population, Development and Reproductive Health
ARHR	Adolescent reproductive health and rights
ASRH	Adolescent sexual and reproductive health
BASHH	British Association of Sexual Health and HIV
BGIPU	British Group Inter-Parliamentary Union
BAME	Black and minority ethnic
BPAS	British Pregnancy Advisory Service
C	Conservative
CE	Chief Executive
CEDAW	The Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women
CFPA	Chinese Family Planning Association
CHOGM	Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting
CMO	Chief Medical Officer
CO	Conscientious objection
CoE	Council of Europe
COMMAT	Commonwealth Medical Trust
CPA	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
CPD	Commission on Population and Development
CRR	Center for Reproductive Rights
CSE	Comprehensive sexuality education
CSO	Civil Society Organisations
CSSF	Conflict, Stability and Security Fund
CSW	Commission on the Status of Women
DAC	Development Assistance Committee
DFID	Department for International Development
DoH	Department of Health
Dr	Doctor
DUP	Democratic Unionist Party
DWP	Department for Work and Pensions
EC	Executive Committee
ECHO	European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations
ECOSOC	UN Economic and Social Council
ED	Executive Director
EDM	Early Day Motion
EPF	European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (formerly the European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development)
EU	European Union
EuroNGO	European Non-Governmental Organisations for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Population and Development
FCDO	Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office
FCO	Foreign and Commonwealth Office

FGM	Female genital mutilation
FGM/C	Female genital mutilation/cutting
FORWARD	Foundation for Women's Health Research and Development
FP	Family Planning
FPA	Family Planning Association (UK)
FP2030	Family Planning 2030
FSRH	Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health (King's College, London)
GBV	Gender-based violence
GE	General Election
GGR	Global Gag Rule
GJC	Global Justice Center
GNI	Gross national income
GP	General practitioner
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HMG	Her Majesty's Government
HO	Home Office
HoC	House of Commons
HoL	House of Lords
HPV	Human Papillomavirus
HSC	Health and Social Care
HSS	Health System Strengthening
IAWG	Inter-Agency Working Group on Reproductive Health in Crisis
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
ICAI	Independent Commission for Aid Impact
ID	International development
IDA	International Development Association
IDC	International Development Committee
IKWRO	Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation
IPCI ICPD PoA	International Parliamentary Conference on the Implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action
IPPF	International Planned Parenthood Federation
IPU	Inter-Parliamentary Union
IRC	International Rescue Committee
IWD	International Women's Day
IYAFFP	International Youth Alliance for Family Planning
L	Labour
LD	Liberal Democrat
LDCs	Less developed countries
LGBTQ+	Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual and questioning
LSHTM	London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
LSTM	Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine
MMR	Maternal mortality rate
MoD	Ministry of Defence
MoS	Minister of State
MoU	Memorandum of understanding
MP	Member of Parliament
MSc	Master of Science
MSF	Médecins Sans Frontières
MSI	MSI Reproductive Choices (formerly, Marie Stopes International)
NA	Non-affiliated

NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NHS	National Health Service
NI	Northern Ireland
NSPCC	National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
ODA	Official development assistance
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PACE	Parliamentary Assembly Council of Europe
PET	Progress Educational Trust
PoA	Programme of Action
PD	Population and development
PF	Prosperity Fund (UK Government)
PMC	Population Media Centre
PMB	Private Members' Bill
PPE	Personal protective equipment
PQs	Parliamentary questions
PrEP	Pre-exposure prophylaxis
PSN	Population and Sustainability Network
PSVI	Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative
PUSS	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
RCM	Royal College of Midwives
RCOG	Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
RMNCH	Reproductive Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health
RSE	Relationships and sex education
SD	Sustainable development
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SRH	Sexual and reproductive health
SRHR	Sexual and reproductive health and rights
SoS	Secretary of State
STI	Sexually transmitted infection
SWOP	State of the World Population
UHC	Universal health coverage
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
USA	United States of America
VAW	Violence against women
VAWG	Violence against women and girls
VNR	Voluntary National Review
VSO	Voluntary Service Overseas
WASH	Water, sanitation and hygiene
WHO	World Health Organization
WISH	Women's Integrated Sexual Health
XB	Cross Bench(er)

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