

## Upcoming business of interest and opportunities to raise global SRHR

**11 September: Room 3A, House of Lords. APPG on Global SRHR Inaugural Meeting 4:00-4:15pm, followed by Committee Meeting 4:15-5:00pm – please email [kjaerbym@parliament.uk](mailto:kjaerbym@parliament.uk) to express your interest.**

### UPCOMING BUSINESS

*Please note that the schedule and locations of events are subject to change. See the parliamentary [calendar](#) for up-to-date information.*

#### House of Commons

##### Monday 29 July

Main Chamber, sitting at 2:30pm

Oral questions – Home Office

- What assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the police response to violence against women and girls – Josh Fenton-Glynn MP
- What steps her Department plans to take to tackle violence against women and girls – Christine Jardine MP, Alison Hume MP, Elsie Blundell MP, Jess Asato MP, Catherine Atkinson MP, Tracy Gilbert MP

##### Tuesday 30 July

Main Chamber, sitting at 11:30am

Oral questions – Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

#### House of Lords

##### Monday 29 July

Main Chamber, sitting at 2:30pm

Oral question – Reducing the maternal mortality rate of Black, Asian and minority ethnic women and the mortality rates of their babies – Baroness Gohir

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**31 July:** 6:30pm. RCOG present ‘**Endometriosis Update**’ an opportunity to find out more about the intricacies of the diagnosis of endometriosis on ultrasound, modern medical treatment options and an introduction the surgical advances emerging the management of endometriosis. [Register here](#)

**5 August:** 3:00pm. The first ‘**ICFP Program Implementation Subcommittee Meeting**’. This first meeting will introduce the Co-Chairs, provide an update on the conference, share ideas on organising the track including potential overall themes and specific topics for individual sessions and other events. [Registration and future dates here.](#)

**8 August:** 1:00pm. Knowledge SUCCESS presents ‘**Local Resource Mobilization: Building on Strengths and Potential in Asia**’ an interactive webinar exploring domestic resource mobilization in the Asia region and discover how the approach can be applied to different contexts. Expert panelists will delve into experiences in implementation, discuss how their organizations have addressed persistent challenges, and share lessons learned. [Register here](#)

**6 September:** 9:30am-5:00pm. County Hall, Belvedere Road SW1. **HIV Prevention England Conference 2024.** The conference's overall theme will be 'Prioritising Equity and Impact' as we fast approach the 2030 goal of ending new cases of HIV in the UK. The programme will share research and projects which demonstrate real-world impact. FREE. [Register here](#)

**7 September:** Parliament Square. [Abortion Rights](#) will be holding their 'Stand up for Choice Demo', an annual event responding to the UK anti-abortion movement's 'March for Life'

**22-23 September:** [UN Summit of the Future](#) – Ahead of the Summit of the Future, Member States will participate in negotiations to agree the content of the Pact of the Future. The Pact will contain five chapters: (1) Sustainable Development & Financing for Development, (2) International Peace and Security, (3) Science, Technology and Innovation and Digital Cooperation, (4) Youth and Future Generations, (5) Transforming Global Governance. Anyone interested in joining a monthly drop-in call or deep-dive sessions on particular topics should contact [charlotte.capstick@fcdo.gov.uk](mailto:charlotte.capstick@fcdo.gov.uk) to express interest

**23-29 September:** [Black Maternal Mental Health Week UK](#)

**3-6 November 2025** – 2025 International Conference on Family Planning - Bogota, Columbia – email [kjaerbym@parliament.uk](mailto:kjaerbym@parliament.uk) to register interest

## **NEWS**

**UK** – Development Minister Anneliese Dodds MP has said that the Government are determined to return UK ODA to 0.7% of GNI, but "But we are going to have to do that...when fiscal circumstances allow, and fiscal circumstances are quite difficult in the UK at the moment". [Reuters](#) reports. However, the previous Development Minister Andrew Mitchell MP has warned that international development might "fall silent" under the new Government, reports [Devex](#).

Publish What You Fund's [2024 Aid Transparency Index](#), the only independent measure of global aid transparency, was published last week. The 2024 Index findings see the UK FCDO re-join the "Very Good" category for the first time since the merger, meeting ITS transparency target. FCDO gained 10 points to score 82.9 in total. While it is an impressive gain from the dip in score in 2022, it remains below the score achieved by DFID in 2020. [Bond](#) and [Civil Service World](#) report.

The Safe Access Zones (Scotland) Act has received Royal Assent. [Glasgow Live](#) and [The Daily Record](#) report. Meanwhile, buffer zones outside abortion clinics must come into force as "a matter of urgency" in England and Wales, campaigners have said in a letter to the new Home Secretary. The groups, including the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, have appealed to Yvette Cooper to meet them to discuss their concerns about delays to implementation. [The Independent](#) reports.

**Ireland** - Women in Ireland still face limited options when giving birth almost nine years after the national maternity strategy was launched, Aims Ireland — the Association for Improvements in the Maternity Services — has claimed. This follows three maternal deaths last month in Cork, Kerry, and Louth. [Irish Examiner](#) and [RTE](#) report. However, women undergoing treatment for serious illness will be allowed to defer their maternity leave for up to a year under new plans agreed by the Cabinet. [Irish Mirror](#) and [The Irish Sun](#) report.

**USA** - Days after President Joe Biden announced his decision to withdraw from the 2024 race, Vice President Kamala Harris has quickly emerged as the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee.

The VP has been visible in her campaigning for reproductive rights, particularly on abortion as [CNN](#) and [Scientific American](#) report.

**Australia** – MSI Australia says that Google is forcing them to pay thousands of dollars a year to a third-party US company to keep advertising its telehealth services in Google search. Under a new health and medicines policy introduced by Google in May, providers offering telemedicine services globally must be certified and comply with local laws. From August providers in Australia will be required to register with the Portland, Oregon-based certifications provider LegitScript to keep advertising their services. [The Guardian](#) and [B&T Magazine](#) report.

**Maternal Health in Gaza** – On Monday BBC Women's Hour spoke to Care International About the impact of war on the pregnant women of Gaza. Listen [here](#).

**Poland** – Poland's lower house rejected a bill on Friday that sought to decriminalise the act of helping someone get an abortion. The vote – in which 218 MPs voted against the bill and 215 were in favour – highlighted the divisions in the ruling coalition over easing one of Europe's most restrictive abortion laws. [France 24](#) and [Euronews](#) report.

**Belgium** – The Belgian Parliament passed an emergency set of abortion-related legislative propositions, extending the legal limit for voluntary abortion from 12 to 18 weeks and eliminating the mandatory consideration period. [Brussels Times](#) reports.

**The Philippines** – There were six times more HIV infections in the Philippines last year than there were in 2010, Eamonn Murphy, regional director of UNAIDS Asia Pacific and Eastern Europe Central Asia division, told an online news briefing on Wednesday. [The Telegraph](#) and [The Financial Times](#) report.

**Cyprus** – The Cyprian government plan to enhance subsidies to infertility treatment to improve access. The upper age limit for women will be raised from 50 to 53, single women no longer need the approval of a council and the subsidies for first and second cycles of treatment and egg freezing have been increased. [KNews](#) reports.

**ICFP** - The International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) Secretariat has [announced](#) Dr. Philip Anglewicz as the new Chair of the ICFP International Steering Committee (ISC). In this role, Dr. Anglewicz, Director of the William H. Gates Sr. Institute for Population and Reproductive Health, will oversee the overall planning and implementation of ICFP 2025 in Bogotá, Colombia (3-6 November 2025).