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Dear Baroness Barker,

Thank you for your letter of 6 January, regarding the Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) guidance for schools.

The RSHE guidance sets out clear advice on choosing resources for schools. Organisations are welcome to contact schools, local authorities and multi academy trusts directly to share their resources, including CHIVA, if they haven't done so already. Schools should assess each resource they intend to use, to ensure that it is appropriate for the age and maturity of pupils, and sensitive to their needs, where relevant, and schools should use resources that are medically accurate. The RSHE guidance can be accessed at: tinyurl.com/Y5sP3Ple.

To help schools choose accurate and appropriate resources, the Department has provided additional advice on this in the non-statutory implementation guidance titled 'Plan your Relationships, Sex and Health Education Curriculum' published in September 2020. We expect schools to consult with parents on these matters and to make reasonable decisions about the content of their curriculum. Schools should also ensure that, when they engage parents, they provide examples of the resources they plan to use, for example the books they will use in lessons. The implementation guidance can be accessed at: tinyurl.com/Y2uwPk2P.

With regard to HIV, this is covered in our teacher training module on intimate and sexual relationships including sexual health: tinyurl.com/Y2vc2J5t.

Whilst the Department does not recommend specific resources for schools, we do encourage them to use resources that have been quality assured by organisations such as the PSHE Association or Public Health England, and CHIVA might want to consider talking to these organisations about routes into schools.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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