



Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP  
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Dear Secretary of State,

### **World AIDS Day 2020 and #0HIVby30 – Ending all new HIV transmissions by 2030**

During 2020 our national public health efforts have rightly focused on a health emergency of a different kind, the national challenge of COVID-19. This World's AIDS Day, we reflected on the significant parallels with the national challenge of the HIV and AIDS epidemic, the significant human impact this has had, but also more positively, to reflect on the huge progress and strides forward we have made in recent years on HIV prevention, treatment and care. This includes your welcome commitment in 2019 to ending new HIV transmissions by 2030.

This gives us significant reasons to be hopeful. New HIV diagnoses continue to decline, and we need to build on this success. Whether it is the opportunities presented through a successful roll out of PrEP to all those who could benefit, ensuring we increase HIV testing across a range of NHS settings - to ensure everyone living with HIV is diagnosed, or vitally that everyone living with HIV is on successful treatment to protect their own health, but also so they are undetectable and cannot pass the virus on.

We have the tools at our disposal to reach 0 HIV by 30 – ending new HIV transmissions nationally in ten years' time. This would be a significant national achievement and something we could all be rightly proud of. This is an issue that transcends party politics. We are writing to you collectively offering our cross-party support for this agenda, representing constituencies right across the UK. Crucially going forward, we must not lose momentum at this vital stage in the nation's response.

The independent HIV Commission, of leading experts from business, healthcare, academia and politics reported on World AIDS Day and outlined a series of recommendations which could lay the course to end HIV. We hope that the Government will review these closely.

We ask that the government reconfirms its existing commitment to ending transmissions by 2030 and to ensure close working with devolved nations to take this shared commitment forward. We must grasp the opportunity to be the first country to do this and ask that your Department commits to outline plans to reach this ambitious but achievable goal in a National HIV Action Plan, with work to begin in early 2021. You have our support in this vital endeavour and we request that you regularly update us and Parliament on the progress of this commitment.

Yours sincerely,

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Stephen Doughty MP,  
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