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Dear Fiona,

Thank you for your email of 29 March on behalf of a number of your constituents about pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).

I appreciate your constituents' concerns about the commissioning of PrEP by NHS England.

NHS England has agreed to carefully consider its position on the commissioning of PrEP. In the meantime, planning continues on the early implementer tests sites.

More broadly, we have also retained our £2.4million national investment in HIV prevention and, through this, we have funded a number of innovative local projects and set up a new HIV home sampling service, one of the first of its kind. Furthermore, the national investment in home sampling has been significantly enhanced by local investment from local authorities. In addition, the NHS continues to provide world class treatment and care for people living with HIV.

Whatever the commissioning arrangements for PrEP, decisions on its funding will depend on the full assessment of its clinical and cost effectiveness, its affordability and how it can be integrated with other HIV prevention efforts.

I hope this reply is helpful.

Kind regards
Jane

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