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Dear Stephen,

Thank you for your correspondence of 5 May to Matt Hancock, co-signed by Wes Streeting MP and Steve Brine MP, about the HIV Action Plan.

I agree that Channel 4's *It's A Sin* had a very positive impact in raising awareness of and stimulating conversation around HIV and AIDS.

We are committed to tackling HIV and reaching zero new transmissions in England by 2030. To support this commitment, the department will be developing both a sexual and reproductive health strategy and the HIV Action Plan, which we plan to publish this year. We welcomed the publication of the HIV Commission's report and its recommendations and will carefully consider the report's recommendations, including those set out in your letter.

I recently wrote to Dame Inga Beale to ask her to chair the oversight group for the development of the HIV Action Plan. This will ensure continuity between the work of the HIV Commission and the department's development of the plan. We will invite key HIV organisations and stakeholders, including the Terrence Higgins Trust, the National AIDS Trust and the Elton John AIDS Foundation, to be part of the group supporting us to develop the HIV Action Plan.

As health is a devolved matter you may also wish to raise this issue with Vaughan Gething, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services, at [correspondence.vaughan.getting@gov.wales](mailto:correspondence.vaughan.getting@gov.wales).

I hope this reply is helpful to you, and I would be grateful if you could share it with your co-signatories.

**JO CHURCHILL**