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Hodgson MP, Labour's Shadow Minister for Public Health, reacting to the announcement that NHS England's PrEP Implementation Trial will begin on 1 September, said:

"The

start of the PrEP trial is welcome and long overdue after months of delays and

heel-dragging by the Government.

"The

evidence shows just how transformative this drug can be as part of our approach $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right) +\left($

to HIV prevention and ending the transmission of this life-changing infection.

This trial will take us one step closer to fully understanding the benefits of

PrEP.

"Now

it is important that this trial is rolled out as quickly as possible across

country to protect individuals who are exposed to HIV and help take us one step

closer to ending the spread of HIV in society."