## <u>The start of the PrEP trial is welcome</u> and long overdue – Hodgson

Sharon 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 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 the country to protect individuals who are exposed to HIV and help take us one step closer to ending the spread of HIV in society."