

Question for written answer E-015334/2015
to the Commission
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Subject: Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV

In September 2015, the World Health Organisation (WHO) issued guidance on when to start antiretroviral therapy and on pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV. The guidance concludes that the use of daily oral pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) is recommended as a prevention choice for people at substantial risk of contracting HIV infection as part of a combination of prevention approaches.

Currently, there is no coordinated approach at EU level for the use of PrEP within the Member States. Some Member States, like Belgium, have initiated trials into the efficacy of using PrEP, and in some like the UK, PrEP is available through private health practitioners.

Given the recent WHO guidance, will the Commission consider releasing its own recommendations on the use of PrEP throughout the Member States and in so doing bolster the early prevention of HIV among people at substantial risk?