Ndichu's Aids call criticized

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Juja MP Stephen Ndichu was

criticised yesterday for his suggestion

that the Government

should confine AIDS patients in

a special home.

The executive director of Know Aids Society, Mr Joe Muriuki, said in a Press statement that the call was disturbing since the implication was

to deny people their constitutional

right of free movement and

association.

Mr Ndichu said in Parliament

on Thursday that it would be better

to confine Aids patients instead

of asking their relatives to

take them home just so that

space could be created for the

treatment of non-Aids patients.

Mr Muriuki argued that such a

move would make people infected

with the HIV virus feel insecure

and isolated.

He said Mr Ndichu should be a

protector of people's basic rights.

Aids may be incurable but was

manageable and "no one should

write off people on account of

HIV infection as Mr Ndichu suggests.