

Upcoming Parliamentary Business/Information and Opportunities to Raise Global Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

UPCOMING BUSINESS

Please note that the schedule and locations of events are subject to change. See the parliamentary [calendar](#) for up-to-date information.

House of Commons

Tuesday 23 July

Main Chamber, sitting at 11:30am

Oral questions - Health and Social Care

House of Lords

Thursday 25 July

Main Chamber, sitting at 11:00am

Debate on the Address – Foreign Affairs and Defence – Baroness Anderson of Stoke-on-Trent, Lord Coaker

Lord Library Briefing available [here](#) and on this year's thirtieth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development, UNFPA commissioned five think pieces to take stock of progress and provide future-focused ideas on how to achieve the ICPD PoA in a world of radical transformation. The think pieces are available here for this debate:

- [Demographic change and sustainability](#)
- [The future of sexual and reproductive health and rights](#)
- [The future of population data](#)
- [ICPD and climate action](#)
- [A safe digital future](#)

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11 September: APPG on PDRH (APPG on Global SRHR), Inaugural Meeting 4:00-4:15pm, followed by Committee Meeting 4:15-5:00pm, Room 3A, House of Lords

23 July: 1:00pm. Child Health Task Force presents 'From Resolution to Reality: Accelerating Progress on Maternal and Child Survival in Africa'. The recent adoption of the 77th World Health Assembly (WHA) resolution on maternal and child health has catalysed fresh momentum and expectation, reflecting a renewed commitment from global leaders to address the urgent need for progress in this critical area. This milestone is particularly significant for Africa, where excessive maternal and child mortality remains a pressing issue. [Register here](#)

25 July: 1:00pm. UNFPA and USAID present 'A Shared Vision: Family Planning's Central Role in Advancing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights'. For decades, USAID and UNFPA have been at the forefront of providing and expanding access to reproductive health and voluntary family planning services and quality-assured commodities. As we mark the 30th anniversary of ICPD, it is imperative to reflect on the progress achieved, acknowledge the unfinished agenda, and chart a bold path forward as global leaders and collaborative partners. [Register here](#)

31 July: 6:30pm. RCOG present 'Endometriosis Update' an opportunity to find out more about the intricacies of the diagnosis of endometriosis on ultrasound, modern medical treatment options and an introduction to the surgical advances emerging in the management of endometriosis. [Register here](#)

6 September: 9:30am-5:00pm. County Hall, Belvedere Road SW1. '**HIV Prevention England Conference 2024**'. The conference's overall theme will be 'Prioritising Equity and Impact' as we fast approach the 2030 goal of ending new cases of HIV in the UK. The programme will share research and projects which demonstrate real-world impact. [FREE. Register here](#)

7 September: Parliament Square. [Abortion Rights](#) will be holding their '**Stand up for Choice Demo**', an annual event responding to the UK anti-abortion movement's 'March for Life'

22-23 September: [UN Summit of the Future](#) – Ahead of the Summit of the Future, Member States will participate in negotiations to agree the content of the Pact of the Future. The Pact will contain five chapters: (1) Sustainable Development & Financing for Development, (2) International Peace and Security, (3) Science, Technology and Innovation and Digital Cooperation, (4) Youth and Future Generations, (5) Transforming Global Governance. Anyone interested in joining a monthly drop-in call or deep-dive sessions on particular topics should contact charlotte.capstick@fcdo.gov.uk to express interest

23-29 September: [Black Maternal Mental Health Week UK](#)

3-6 November 2025 – 2025 International Conference on Family Planning - Bogota, Columbia

NEWS

UK - Two fifths of women are subjected to intrusive procedures during childbirth without their prior knowledge or consent, [a survey](#) by the Birth Trauma Association has found. [The Times](#) and [Netmums](#) report.

In England there is a huge disparity in NHS-funded treatment across the country, with very few patients able to access the [NICE](#) recommended three cycles of IVF. As a result PET has launched the '[Power of Three](#)' campaign which aims to bring awareness of this postcode lottery, and ultimately deliver change for fertility patients. You can check what level of IVF treatment funded by each Integrated Care Board (or ICB) by selecting them in their '[Fertility Policy Tracker](#)'.

BPAS have shared a briefing on abortion in the UK, particularly aimed at new MPs – see attachment.

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologist released a [statement](#) urging the new Government to set an ambitious vision for women's health.

US - A bill called the Maternal and Child Health Stillbirth Prevention Act signed last week by President Biden will free up millions of federal dollars toward awareness and prevention of America's 21,000 annual stillbirths. [USA Today](#) and [KTVZ.com](#) report.

Last week the Biden administration announced its latest health care initiative that would require hospital systems to meet certain maternal health care standards in order to remain in Medicare and Medicaid. Under the proposal, safety standards would be set for obstetric services at all hospitals and would impact staffing, training, and the various protocols pertaining to obstetric patients. [CMS.gov](#) and [Axios](#) report

Poland – Prime Minister Donald Tusk and his centrist coalition government suffered a bitter defeat Friday in parliament, where a slim majority rejected legislation that would have eased the strict anti-abortion law. [Le Monde](#) and [The Financial Times](#) report.

World Population Day - On World Population (11 July) a [Joint Statement](#) from WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNAIDS, and UN Women was released calling on all stakeholders to prioritise sexual and reproductive health and rights for all.

SRHR in Fragile Settings – A new study, [Reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health services in humanitarian and fragile settings: A mixed methods study of midwives' and women's experiences](#) shares significant, but unsurprising findings regarding insufficient numbers of midwives in humanitarian and fragile settings, rising workloads, insufficient and/or inconsistent resources that limit care provision by midwives, threats to the safety and security of midwives and more.

Disability Inclusion in SRHR Resources – The Women's Integrated Sexual Health (WISH), a five-year programme funded by the FCDO, has produced a report that outlines their disability inclusion model, achievements and lessons learned from their experiences [Committed to leaving no one behind \(lessons on disability-inclusion\)](#).

Air Pollution/IVF – A new study finds that exposure to air pollution reduces the chance of a successful birth through IVF. Researchers analysed exposure to fine particulate matter at various points before the patients' eggs were collected and followed them throughout their pregnancies later on. [Euronews](#) and [The Times](#) report.

The Gambia – Gambian lawmakers have voted to uphold a 2015 ban on female genital mutilation (FGM), rejecting a controversial bill seeking to overturn the law after months of heated debate and international pressure. The Women's (Amendment) Bill 2024, which had sought to decriminalise the practice of female circumcision, had passed a second reading in March with only five out of 53 lawmakers voting against it, raising concerns among rights groups that The Gambia would become the first country to reverse a ban on the practice. [The BBC](#) and [CNN](#) report. UN, UNFPA and WHO released a [joint statement](#) in support.