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Sent: 28 April 2015 11:24  
To: Mail  
Subject: HIV System Overrun - A patients view

Dear Mr Farage,

I am writing in support of your claims and comments regarding HIV services being abused by foreign immigrants.

My lengthy experience since I was first diagnosed in 2000 is that this is the case and British patients such as my-self are now suffering as a consequence in clinics all over the UK.

As a HIV+ British patient I need to see my specialist doctor 4 times a year. I now cannot see my doctor straight away, as I now have a 3 week wait time as the system is overloaded. I now have to wait 3 weeks to have a blood test appointment, before I see my doctor. We used to be able to do this the same day. The system is so overloaded I am no longer able to have my medicines delivered to my home, this is a cost saving service delivered by a company called Chemistry. NHS Service Providers have tried to sign up as many people as possible to home delivery as it saves clinic time and costs, but this service has now completely failed, a fact widely known by patients and doctors and care managers.

The waiting rooms are full with immigrant patients. Not only is this massively increasing cost it is burdening the small specialist system to the point of failure. Something must change and I support your comments fully.

I moved from a central London clinic at St Thomas' Hospital to another clinic further afield as I was no longer able to access the vital services I needed and should be entitled too. The numbers have increased so dramatically in inner London that I was no longer referred to by my name but given an 8 figure patient number instead!

When I moved to the [REDACTED] to access faster and better care in outer London this is exactly what I received, however now 4 years later even these outer London services are now suffering the same service failure as I have described above. The effects of HIV immigration are spreading indicating a larger problem than first anticipated.

But the numbers of people being diagnosed in the UK are falling. The medication is so successful these days that this now leads to far less transmission, and there is access to PEP (Post Exposure Prophylaxis) the cure for exposure to HIV if accessed within the first 72 hours of exposure.

So why are the waiting rooms over flowing? Why are the wait times for vital blood tests increasing to unacceptable levels? Why are the wait times to see a HIV specialist doctor massively increasing? Why are the drug home delivery companies so over whelmed patients have to go back into clinics and are not able to access life-saving medication?

Because you are right, there is a steady flow of HIV + immigrants that have directly contributed to this situation which has gone past the point of critical mass.

What does this mean for me and thousands of other HIV + British people? The reality is I have 14 tablets left, I will run out of medication in 14 days, I must take a tablet each day to stay alive but I can't get blood tests and I can't get to see a doctor and I can't get a prescription which should have resulted in an automatic delivery of my Atripla medication to my front door.

I fully support your comments and policy, please feel free to contact me further should you or your colleagues wish, I only ask you keep my name confidential such is the stigma that remains. You may release and use any part of this statement only on that basis that I remain anonymous.

I can provide you with a passport copy and copy letter from my doctor confirming diagnosis in my name should you wish. My family are a true diverse representation of British Londoners, half our family are white I am therefore not racist but I am the victim of HIV immigration.

With best wishes,

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