

**Question for written answer E-002422/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Rise in HIV diagnoses in the UK and link to mass immigration

According to the latest report by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)¹, the UK recorded 6 008 new HIV cases in 2023 – an increase of 51 % compared to 2022. Of these cases, 53 % were first diagnosed overseas, with three quarters of the people affected being from the African continent.

This situation is thus the repercussion of both UK and European migration policies, as migrants often have to enter the Schengen area illegally upstream in order to travel to Great Britain.

The rise in HIV diagnoses confirms the challenges posed by mass immigration – like the burden it places on our health systems – and the need to strengthen public health policies to protect our populations.

1. Is the Commission aware of this worrying situation?
2. What action will it take to tighten the health checks at the EU's external borders?
3. What measures will it take to support the migrants' countries of origin with their health policies?

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¹ <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-13915237/Migration-fuels-surge-HIV-cases.html>