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What has been worked on in the past month?	<p>We've been working on 2 main things this month. At the start of December, the Government ruled that trans kids under the age of 18 were incapable of making informed choices about their treatment, meaning that kids that want to go on puberty blockers now have to obtain court approval (even if they have approval from their doctor and/or parents/guardians). Myself, the committee and many trans activists see this as an attack on trans peoples autonomy. In light of this we've spent the month educating people on the benefit and life saving affects of puberty blockers and have begun the process of writing to Elizabeth Truss and Karl McCartney, asking them to reconsider the Government ruling. Recently I have begun discussion with the sexual health champion, women's officer, femsoc and black feminist soc to send a letter to Dame Diana Johnson. Johnson recently proposed the Nordic Model to sex buying in Parliament, which in short will make sex work extremely unsafe for sex workers and will put a lot of lives at risk. This is something we all believe is important to support and so we are hoping to get a letter sent off early in the new year, before the next Parliament debate on the issue on January 29th. I also took part in a World Aids Day discuss with the sexual health champion and pride soc; having an open discussion about HIV/AIDS, the stigma and the history surrounding it, which was incredibly informative!</p>
Successes from the past month and any Reps Wins	<p>Our biggest success from this month has been our social media presence about puberty blockers and the Governments ruling. As mentioned above we have begun writing the letter the Government and we have also published information on instagram about what puberty blockers are, how they help and what the Government ruling means for trans kids. Also this month we have established a good working relationship with the sexual health champion; this is incredibly important to us and the LGBTQ+ community has always been at the forefront of promoting good and positive sexual health.</p>
Plans for next month	<p>The next month will be focused on writing and sending of letters to Parliament asking them to reconsider policies that will dangerously affect the LGBTQ+ community and we will also be starting our plans for LGBT+ history month. Due to COVID this month all the history month events will be online but we still want to make an impact and we're excited to get started on the planning.</p>