

# **Sarah Champion responds to posthumous pardons for thousands of gay men**

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**Champion MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Women and Equalities,** commenting on the posthumous pardons for thousands of gay men as Turing's Law receives Royal assent, said:

"The

Government's decision on pardons is welcome and long overdue. Sadly, nothing can undo the suffering of those men convicted, but at least they, or their families, will now be able to clear their name.

"I hope this announcement will bring some comfort. However, with reported incidents of hate crime against the LGBT community increasing, high levels of LGBT homelessness and cuts to LGBT youth services across the country, we still have such a long way to go in terms of real LGBT equality."