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Dear Sir George,

Thank you for your email of 17 February to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on behalf of your constituent, about the "Boys Need Bins" Campaign led by Prostate Cancer UK and Bladder Health UK. Your email has been passed to Defra and I am replying as the Minister responsible for environmental quality and resilience. I apologise for the considerable delay in doing so.

The Government oversees policy and legislation with respect to the safe management of waste and litter as well as the protection of drains and sewers. It does not, however, have powers to compel the provision of sanitary bins in public toilets. The maintenance of public toilets is usually a matter for the relevant local authority, and I would encourage you to raise the issue with your local council.

Thank you once again for taking the time to contact us about this important issue.

REBECCA POW MP