

Rachel's Rule Campaign

Summary of Department of Health and Social Care Response

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This document provides a structured summary of the Department of Health and Social Care response regarding the Rachel's Rule campaign.

- The Department recognises the importance of timely identification and management of hereditary cancer risk.
- Predictive genetic testing is available through the NHS Genomic Medicine Service (GMS), delivered via NHS Genomic Laboratory Hubs under the National Genomic Test Directory.
- The NHS Genomics Strategy outlines expansion of predictive and preventative genomic care across the NHS.
- The National Inherited Cancer Predisposition Register (NICPR) has been introduced to identify individuals at increased inherited cancer risk and facilitate appropriate surveillance.
- The Government's wider health strategy includes continued development of genomic services and strengthening referral and surveillance pathways within NHS Clinical Genetics Services.
- Further detail on national cancer policy and patient outcomes will be set out in the forthcoming national cancer plan.

This summary reflects the content of the Department's written response and is provided for public information.