

UK Parliament Written Question UIN 97432

Summary of Government Response

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Answered: 15 December 2025

Department: Department of Health and Social Care

The question asked what steps the Department of Health and Social Care is taking to support primary care providers in assessing hereditary cancer risk in individuals without a clear family history.

- Genomic testing in England is delivered through the NHS Genomic Medicine Service via seven Genomic Laboratory Hubs, under the National Genomic Test Directory.
- The National Genomic Test Directory includes testing for inherited cancer predisposition conditions.
- NHS England supports GP referrals through direct access testing pathways and evidence-based guidance shared with NICE.
- Gateway-C provides early cancer diagnosis education for primary care clinicians.
- GPs are responsible for maintaining up-to-date knowledge, with additional support from the Royal College of General Practitioners.

The response highlights existing genomic infrastructure, referral mechanisms and educational support for primary care. It does not outline a dedicated systematic hereditary cancer risk review programme for individuals without a clear family history.