

Department of Health and Social Care

Ministerial Correspondence Response (Redacted for Publication)

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Dear Mr Ball,

Thank you for your correspondence 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 oversight of the National Genomic Test Directory.

The NHS Genomics Strategy sets out the ambition to expand predictive and preventative genomic care across the health service. This includes supporting earlier identification of individuals at increased inherited cancer risk and improving long-term outcomes.

The National Inherited Cancer Predisposition Register (NICPR) has been introduced to identify individuals at higher inherited cancer risk and facilitate appropriate surveillance where indicated.

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 outlined in the forthcoming national cancer plan.

Yours sincerely,

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for Public Health and Prevention