

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.

- Predictive genetic testing is available through the NHS Genomic Medicine Service (GMS), delivered by NHS Genomic Laboratory Hubs under the National Genomic Test Directory.
- The NHS England Genomics Strategy (October 2022) outlines expansion of predictive and preventative genomic care across the NHS.
- The National Inherited Cancer Predisposition Register (NICPR) has been launched to identify individuals at increased inherited cancer risk and support targeted surveillance.
- The Government's ten-year health plan commits to further development of genomic services and population health genomics.
- Further detail on cancer strategy and patient outcomes will be set out in the forthcoming national cancer plan.

The response outlines existing genomic structures and planned service developments. It does not reference the introduction of a specific system-level safeguard for cumulative hereditary cancer risk review as proposed under Rachel's Rule.