

# Female Genital Mutilation Risk Indication System (FGM RIS) Requirements Specification Guidance v1.0

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## Female Genital Mutilation Risk Indicator Guidance

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance on key messages and wording that should be considered when developing the FGM risk indicator message within your local system, to provide a level of consistency when referring to the FGM RIS and user display messages. It may also be used to inform local communication materials and training documents.

This document should be read in conjunction with the FGM RIS Local System Integration Requirements Specification.

### FGM RIS

- The FGM RIS is a national IT system developed to support effective early intervention and ongoing safeguarding of girls, under the age of 18 years old, who maybe potentially at risk of FGM.
- It allows FGM risk information to be stored and shared with authorised healthcare professionals and administrative staff across departmental, organisational and geographical boundaries within England, access is controlled via Smart Cards and appropriate Role Based Access Codes (RBAC).
- The FGM risk indicator would be added to the girl's record following completion of an <sup>1</sup>FGM Risk assessment if identified that the girl is potentially at risk of FGM; the trigger for this will be part of the usual safeguarding frameworks and processes. The FGM RIS is to be used in conjunction with local safeguarding frameworks and processes; and the use of the FGM RIS will not change professional responsibilities in this regard.

### Guidance and FGM RIS Principles

- Authorised healthcare professionals and administrative staff are able to view, create or delete the FGM risk indicator subject to the relevant RBAC permissions and your local system integration capability. Accordingly you should consider how the display message will ensure that the end user is aware of the information they are viewing and actions available to them.
- The system **should** be referred to as the Female Genital Risk Information System (or abbreviated to FGM RIS); it is only shared within NHS healthcare professionals and settings across England.
- The scope is for girls under the age of 18 years old.
- The FGM RIS indicates that the girl is considered ***potentially*** at risk of FGM, and consideration should be given to any appropriate safeguarding action. It should be noted if a risk indicator does not exist; it does not indicate that the girl may not be at risk.

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[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/525390/FGM\\_safeguarding\\_report\\_A.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/525390/FGM_safeguarding_report_A.pdf)

## Examples

Below are examples of screenshots illustrating how the FGM RIS is displayed within the Summary Care Record Application (SCRa)

The screen shot below displays that a girl has been identified as potentially at risk of FGM:



The screen shot below displays that no FGM RIS is identified and the option to 'Add' the indicator.



## Useful Information and Links

- The document should be read in conjunction with FGM requirement specification and guidance
  - FGM RIS Specification Requirements  
<https://nhsconnect.github.io/fgm-risk-indication-service/index.html>
  - Information Standards Notice (ISN)  
<http://content.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/SCCI2112>
- NHS Digital FGM RIS Website <https://www.digital.nhs.uk/Female-Genital-Mutilation-Risk-Indication-System>
- DH FGM Prevention Programme: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-fgm-measures-launched-to-care-protect-prevent>