Female Genital Mutilation Information Sharing System (FGM IS) Requirements Specification Guidance v1.1

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The purpose of this document is to provide guidance on key messages and wording that should be considered when developing the FGM information sharing message within your local system, to provide a level of consistency when referring to the FGM IS 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 IS Local System Integration Requirements Specification.

FGM IS

- The FGM IS is a national IT system developed to support effective early intervention and ongoing safeguarding of children, under the age of 18 years old, who may be at potential of FGM.

- It allows FGM 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 flag would be added to the child's record following completion of an [1]FGM assessment if identified that the child is at potential of FGM; the trigger for this will be part of the usual safeguarding frameworks and processes. The FGM IS is to be used in conjunction with local safeguarding frameworks and processes; and the use of the FGM IS 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 flag 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 Information Sharing System (or abbreviated to FGM IS); it is only shared within NHS healthcare professionals and settings across England.

- The scope is for children under the age of 18 years old.

- The FGM IS indicates that the child is considered at *potential* of FGM, and consideration should be given to any appropriate safeguarding action. It should be noted if a flag does not exist; it does not indicate that the child 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

Examples

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

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

The screen shot below displays that no FGM IS 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 IS 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 IS Website https://www.digital.nhs.uk/female-genital-mutilation-information-sharing
- DH FGM Prevention Programme: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-fgm-measures-launched-to-care-protect-prevent