

Factsheet 10: FGM Enhanced Dataset ¹

Patient identifiable data

The FGM Enhanced Dataset is being undertaken under Directions for the Department of Health (DH). This provides the legal basis for collecting patient identifiable data without explicit patient consent. To read the Directions visit the DH website(Opens in a new window).

HSCIC complies with all national standards regarding data security and confidentiality. Full details are available at:
<http://systems.hscic.gov.uk/infogov/confidentiality>.

No patient identifiable data will be published, and to further prevent individual patient identification small numbers of aggregate numbers will be suppressed. De-identified aggregate data will be published as an official statistic, complying with UK Statistics Authority rules.

De-identified data will also be used to support the DH and NHSE programme of FGM prevention. The data will be collected to improve the NHS response to FGM and to help commission the services to support women who have experienced FGM, and safeguarding for girls at risk of FGM.

Patient objections

Explicit patient consent is not required (see above) but women and girls should be advised that information about their FGM will be submitted to the FGM Enhanced Dataset. DH has provided a patient leaflet for this purpose which can be ordered from the DH website (add link? Add page reference?)

Women and girls wishing to object to their FGM information being used in the FGM Enhanced Dataset should email: enquiries@hscic.gov.uk

How is the data collected?

All data for the FGM Enhanced Dataset is submitted via the HSCIC Clinical Audit Platform <http://www.hscic.gov.uk/clinicalauditplatform> (CAP). Data can be submitted directly into CAP or via CSV file upload. The CSV specification can be found within Excel Dataset file.

GPs and trusts can register to access CAP by completing the User Registration Form found under User Documents to the right of this page. Once registered, users can access CAP by clicking on this link: <https://clinicalaudit.hscic.gov.uk/fgm>

¹ Source: Female Genital Mutilation Datasets; Health and Social Care Information Centre, (2015) accessed on 23/07/15 via: <http://www.hscic.gov.uk/fgm>

How to Participate

Mental health trusts and GPs within areas identified by the Prevalence Dataset as having a prevalence of FGM are required to collect and submit data from 1 June 2015.

Reporting is quarterly and organisations have a month to submit their data before the extract for the report is taken.

Publications

For the FGM Enhanced Dataset, the HSCIC is publishing quarterly reports based on quarterly extractions from the data collection system, which will be published as an official statistic.

Additional resources

For further information or if you have a query please contact the Health and Social Care Information Centre's Contact Centre on 0300 303 5678 or alternatively email enquiries@hscic.gov.uk (please include 'FGM' in the subject line)