

Change Specification

**DAPB2026 Amd 58/2025 Female Genital
Mutilation (FGM) Enhanced Data Set
Change
Specification**



Data Alliance Partnership Board

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This information standard comprises the following documents:

- Change Specification (this document)
- Implementation Guidance
- Requirements Specification
- Technical Output Specification

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Glossary of Terms

A full glossary of terms is available in the [Requirements Specification](#) that accompanies this Standard.

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1. Overview or Definition

The [DAPB2026: Female Genital Mutilation \(FGM\) Enhanced Dataset](#) is a mandatory information standard in England that requires healthcare providers to record and report data whenever FGM is identified or treated within the NHS.

It established a central repository for patient-level FGM data, moving from collecting aggregate counts to a more "enhanced" dataset that includes detailed, individual-level information. This includes information on the type of FGM, the age at which it was performed (if known), and the country of origin – see [FGM ED Technical Output Specification \(version 1.5\)](#) for further details.

The original standard was developed to support the Department of Health and Social Care's (DHSC) [FGM Prevention Programme](#) by presenting a greater understanding of the extent and issue of FGM identified by the NHS in England. Although the funding for the FGM Prevention Programme stopped in 2018, DHSC still commission the FGM ED. The anonymised FGM ED data is used to produce information that helps to:

- Improve how the NHS supports women and girls who have had or who are at risk of FGM.
- Plan the local NHS services needed both now and in the future.
- Help other organisations to develop plans to stop FGM happening in local communities and improve multi-agency working.

In 2024 a consultation was carried out on the Female Genital Mutilation Enhanced Dataset (FGMED) to ensure it remains fit for purpose and reduces the administrative burden on clinicians while maintaining data quality. The results and recommendations are available [here](#). The standard followed a phased implementation schedule:

- **June, 2026:** The standard was updated and key supporting documents published
- **October 1, 2026:** Submission of revised dataset starts for all Acute Trusts, Mental Health Trusts and GP practices
- **Ongoing:** Data is published in quarterly and annual reports.

2. Helpdesk/contacts

Contact Group	Responsibility	Contact Details
National Service Desk	Technical issues, CAP login problems, and password resets.	Email: ssd.nationalservicedesk@nhs.net (with subject line: "FGM CAP") Phone: 0300 303 5035

FGM Data Team	Queries regarding data definitions and reporting frequency.	Email: ssd.nationalservicedesk@nhs.net (with subject line: "FGM Data")
Data Collections Team	Guidance on the Data Provision Notice (DPN) and legal mandatory requirements.	Email: enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk (with subject line: "FGM Collection")

3. Statement of all change(s) to the published Requirements Specification

3.1. Data items to stop collecting

To streamline the collection, the following nine data items will no longer be collected on the CAP front end:

- Patient Level: Region of country of origin.
- Attendance Level: Referring organisation code, Pregnancy status indicator, FGM family history indicator, Number of daughters under 18, Daughters born at this attendance, Country of birth of baby's father, and Country of origin of baby's father.
- FGM Level: Age range when FGM was undertaken.

3.2. New data item collection

A new multiple-choice question will be added to the "Attendances" screen to capture the support offered to patients. Responses will be "Required" for Trusts and "Optional" for GPs.

Question: "If relevant, what advice or information has the patient been offered?"

Options:

- FGM clinics
- Psychological support services
- Other local support services and charities
- National support services
- FGM Health passport
- Patient leaflets
- Other relevant information

- Not appropriate

3.3. Changes to field mandates

The following fields will be changed to "Mandatory" to ensure complete data records:

- Person Birth Date
- Referring Organisation Type
- Treatment Function Area.
- Advised On Health Implications of FGM (with updated response categories – see section 3.4)
- Advised On Illegalities of FGM (with updated response categories – see section 3.4)
- FGM Type 4 Qualifier (with updated response categories – see section 3.4)
- Country Where FGM Was Undertaken

3.4. Changes to response category options and wording

The following fields will have changes to response category options and wording:

Female Genital Mutilation Identification: change to category wording:

- “Self Report” to “Self Report by patient”
- “On examination” to “On examination by clinician at attendance”
- “Other clinician” to “Other clinician e.g. referral from GP”
- “Other” to “Other (none of the above)”

Advised On Health Implications of FGM: replace “Unknown” option with “Not appropriate”.

Advised On Illegalities of FGM: replace “Unknown” option with “Not appropriate”.

FGM Type 4 Qualifier: add three options to existing list: “Elongation”, “Other” and “Unknown”.

3.5. Improved tooltips

The following fields will have improved tooltips on the CAP tool to provide additional information to support data entry:

Field	New tooltip text

Person Birth Date	dd/mm/ccyy format Date of birth will only be available in the CAP tool and will not flow through for analysis.
Forename	Forename will only be available in the CAP tool and will not flow through for analysis.
Surname	Surname will only be available in the CAP tool and will not flow through for analysis.
How was the FGM identified?	Self report by patient: the woman or girl said they had FGM at this attendance On examination by clinician at attendance: a clinical examination at this attendance led to the identification of FGM. Other clinician (e.g. referral from GP): a referral has been made stating that FGM has been identified Other (none of the above): use for Other or Unknown
FGM Type 4 Qualifier	If you know it is FGM Type 4 but it is not listed, please record it under 'Other'.
Country where FGM was undertaken?	If this is unknown, please record against 'Unknown' (code XXX)

3.6. Other changes

- **Multiple FGM records within one attendance:** CAP will now allow multiple FGM details to be recorded under a single attendance, whereas previously only one entry was permitted.
- **Move the field "How was the FGM identified?":** this field will be moved from the "Attendances" screen to the "FGM" screen to better align with the clinical workflow.
- **Database changes:** Three new database views will be deployed to the Clinical Audit Database to support these changes.

4. Statement of all change(s) to the published Implementation Guidance

A new Implementation Guidance document has been published which includes all the updates from these changes alongside an updated Technical Output Specification and an updated Requirements Specification.