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## **FFLM Endorsement of the Rape Crisis England and Wales' Position Statement on Self-Swab Rape Kits**

In June Rape Crisis England & Wales (RCEW) produced a [position statement](#) regarding Self-Swab Kits. The FFLM views this as a valuable summary of the risks associated with these kits. It aligns fully with the joint position statement we produced in [September 2024](#).

In particular, we welcome RCEW for drawing attention to the problematic narrative that possession of a kit serves as a deterrent. This notion wrongly shifts responsibility onto survivors and contributes to a culture of victim blaming which we strongly oppose.

We take this opportunity again to confirm that we do not, in any way, endorse the use of these kits, and indeed see them as a significant risk to survivor recovery and opportunities to obtain justice.

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