Annex E: Consultation Questions

The consultation sets out a number of proposed amendments. Views are invited on the following:

1) Where data relating to a citizen is held it should be accurate. Do you agree that the approach suggested at paragraphs 9-11 is an effective approach to achieving this?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If No, please describe the approach you feel should be taken.

Information held on citizens should be as accurate as possible and be of the highest quality. From the information provided, NHSCR seems to be an effective approach for helping to achieve this aim. Given the extent of the information shared through the NHSCR, this should supplement rather than replace good management and collection practices of an organisation’s own data.

Knowing the current address of people would help to more effectively identify and trace former customers with an indebtedness to the listed organisations.

2) We propose to extend the current ability to trace persons a) who go missing whilst in education and b) who should pay for treatment provided by the NHS. Do you agree with these proposal set out in paragraphs 12-13?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If No please explain why not?

A) The welfare of children is paramount to Wheatley and we are keen to support policies which aim to strengthen this. The proposal to share NHSCR information with other statutory bodies in England and Wales, however, is only one part of the jigsaw. It is important that public bodies work together to use this data to help locate and assist vulnerable children as quickly as possible.

B) Given that the NHS is paid for through public funds, if using the information from the NHSCR allows for the tracing of those required to pay for treatment, then we believe this would be an acceptable extension of the data sharing arrangements.

3) In order to allow citizens to make use myaccount for a wider group of services (beyond health and local government), as set out in paragraphs 14-16, we propose to provide access to the bodies named in draft Schedule 3 (Annex B). Are there any additional service providers who you feel should be included?

No

4) Do you consider that the proposals set out in paragraph 18 are an effective method to identify Scottish Tax payers?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If No please describe the approach you feel should be taken.

If the NHSCR is the most accurate way for HMRC to identify Scottish residents and therefore collect tax from these people then we agree that this would be the most effective means to do so. However, there must be assurances that the data shared is only used by HRMC for the necessary purposes of tax collection. This should not prejudice the individual.