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.

No. Data sharing between organisations is not an appropriate way to ensure the data held by individual organisations is accurate and up to date, especially not in the manner described. There have been little reassurances that there will be adequate regulations to control the flow of information as necessary.

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?

The aims of the proposals, whilst valid, are completely different in nature, and it is unclear why these have been picked out of a myriad of other possible uses for data sharing in the manner described. The changes do not preclude the possibility for these powers to be abused in the future, as the scope of the sharing of information expands. These general considerations must be answered before any particular use cases such as tracking missing children or clawing back NHS payments are enacted.

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. The existing list of organisations is already excessive, with no clear justification for why many are on there in the first place. Why does ‘Quality Meat’ need to have access for any of the stated aims? Nonsense.

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.

The proposals make no mention of how this would work in practice, giving the impression that this is primarily a means of creating a national identity database. If the intention is to identify Scottish taxpayers, then this should be separated out from the other aims listed,
and debated properly in Parliament – not just tacked on to existing legislation in this manner.