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.

Data being held on a citizen should be accurate. It should also be private. It should not be shared outwith the NHS. I do not agree with the sharing of the data within the NHSCR outwith the NHS for any purposes.

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?

I do not agree with the sharing of the data within the NHSCR database with any bodies outwith the NHS for any purposes.

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?

I do not agree with providing access to the NHSCR to the long list of bodies that you have given. I certainly do not agree with any additional bodies on top of that. The way you have phrased this consultation question is disgraceful. It should be asking if we agree with the list – NOT if we want any extra bodies on top of that list.

I do not agree with the sharing of the data in the NHSCR with any bodies outwith the NHS for any purposes whatsoever. To use the NHSCR as a tool for other purposes jeopardises the trust which exists between our NHS and those who use it.

This legislation is a back door national database and many citizens, myself included, have not voted for this. If the Scottish Government is convinced of the need for this – put it in the SNP manifesto for the 2016 elections and let the people vote on it.

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.

I do not agree with the the proposed method of identifying Scottish tax payers using the NHSCR.
This register contains private and very personal information and was not designed for this purpose. To use the NHSCR as a tax tool jeopardises the trust which exists between our NHS and those who use it.

As for asking what my approach would be - we elect governments to think up the solutions to problems like this. I would say that perhaps you should have considered this problem before deciding to levy separate taxes.