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.

The approach is highly intrusive, and even if I approved of it I would point out it is likely to be inefficient. I am also not convinced of how secure the data will be considering how widely it is planned to make it available.

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?

There are mechanisms already in place to trace missing persons. Re NHS charges – if the patient is in the UK then a transfer should be made from the relevant NHS if required. If the patient is outwith the UK then there is no guarantee that holding extensive data on them will make it any easier to recover funds. If a patient is non-UK and not eligible for free treatment this should be addressed whilst they are undergoing treatment and arrangements made.

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?

None – the proposed list is already worryingly extensive and I believe contravenes the Data Protection Act. There is surprisingly little scrutiny of this development which I and many others believe is a path towards setting up a national database with no real public discussion (government consultations are not widely shared and discussed in most circles).

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 responsibility should be placed either on the employer, or on the individual tax payer if self employed. This can be addressed either via tax code or in an annual tax return.