*Response to the consultation*

I oppose these plans.

I am opposed to this back door underhand stealthy approach to the establishment of a national ID system. It is a huge change to our privacy as individuals, will be extremely susceptible to misuse and has not been properly examined.

The idea that NHS patient identifiers should be made available and with enhanced information as an enforcement tool for the purposes of tax collection and other monitoring activities is unacceptable without a full public debate. Furthermore, this proposal includes making all this private information available to a very wide range of organisations who do not need it at all.

This proposal must be stopped.

Yours sincerely,
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 x

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

Comments This whole proposal is effectively introducing national identity database, a centralised databank with private details linked to the issuing of information about citizens and ID cards. It is a major policy shift. The NHS is very very careful about the security of information on patients and even so there are problems. If the Scottish Government has a wish to introduce ID cards it should do so through a proper wide ranging debate in the Parliament, not through some underhand understudied process.

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 X

If No please explain why not?

Comments This database is for the NHS. it may therefore be appropriate for the NHS to use it to invoice patients, but it is not appropriate for information on the database to be shared with the police or any other agency without the concerned patients consent… so therefore using for school truants or any other reason is not appropriate.

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?

Comments I do not think the NHS database should be shared with any other agencies at all. There are very serious privacy implications at risk here.

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

Yes ☐ No x

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

Comments HMRC has a full list of Scottish Taxpayers which will have to be transferred to the Scottish Government. NHS records are not for this purpose.