Dear Dr Waugh

Re: Application 1516-0234: Health and Homelessness data linkage

Further to your conditional approval issued by the Public Benefit and Privacy Panel for Health and Social Care on 16th February 2016 I am writing to confirm that all conditions applied to the approval have now been satisfied. Your application and supporting documents have undergone proportionate governance review and have now been approved in full.

This approval is given to process data as specified in the approved application form, and is limited to this. Approval is valid for the period specified in your application. You are required to notify the Panel Manager of any proposed change to any aspect of your proposal, including purpose or method of processing, data or data variables being processed, study cohorts, individuals accessing and processing data, timescales, technology/infrastructure, or any other relevant change.

I would take this opportunity to remind you of the declaration you have made in your application form committing you to undertakings in respect of information governance, confidentiality and data protection. In particular you should be aware that once personal data (irrespective of de-identification or other controls applied) has been extracted from NHSS Board(s) and transferred to you, that you will then become the Data Controller as defined by the Data Protection Act (1998).

Please note that summary information about your application and its approval, including the title and nature of your proposal, will be published on the panel website (www.informationgovernance.scot.nhs.uk).

I hope that your proposal progresses well,

Yours Sincerely

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