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Dear Simon,

1. **Revocation of the General Practice Data for Planning and Research Directions 2021**

- 1.1 I am writing on behalf of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care (**the Secretary of State**) to revoke the General Practice Data for Planning and Research Directions 2021 (**the 2021 Directions**) given to the Health and Social Care Information Centre (**NHS Digital**) on 6 April 2021.
- 1.2 These Directions come into force on the day after the day on which this letter is signed.
- 1.3 These Directions are given in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 254(1) and (6), 260(2)(d), 261(2)(e) and 304(9) to (12) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012¹ and regulation 32 of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (Constitution and Functions) and the Health and Social Care Information Centre (Functions) Regulations 2013².

¹ 2012 c.7

² S.I. 2013/259

2. Reason for the Revocation

On 19 July 2021 a Ministerial letter³ was sent to general practices which set out four commitments that would be met before data collection pursuant to the 2021 Directions commenced. The 2021 Directions are being revoked with a view to reviewing the position once I am assured that the commitments have been met.

3. Revocation

The 2021 Directions are revoked.

Yours sincerely



Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

Date signed: 1 March 2022

³ From Jo Churchill, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Primary Care and Health Promotion: <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-collections/general-practice-data-for-planning-and-research/secretary-of-state-letter-to-general-practice>