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Independent Advisory Panel on Information Governance

I am writing to invite you to chair a new Independent Panel on information governance.

As you know, improving the use of data and information is one of my key priorities for the health and care system. Proper information governance is an essential part of this and I would look to the Independent Panel to provide independent advice and challenge to the whole health and care system.

Your extensive knowledge and experience in this area will help to drive this agenda and ensure strong leadership. I would be pleased if you could design the panel based on the recommendations in your upcoming report. A secretariat team working under your direction will be available to assist you with the design and operation of the Panel.

I would welcome annual updates from the Panel on progress made in implementing the recommendations and proposals in your forthcoming Information Governance Review and on the state of information governance across the health and care system. I would also welcome the Panel's scrutiny of the work of the newly established Informatics Services Commissioning Group and, more broadly, its advice and challenge to the health and care system on Information Governance issues.

Thank you for your work so far on the Information Governance Review. I look forward to reading your final report and hope that you accept my invitation to continue to provide leadership in this important area.

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