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Date: 12 Sept 2014

Dear Sirs,

Re: CSO Research Strategy 2014

I write in my capacity as secretary to the Law Society of Scotland's Privacy Law Committee and in response to the above consultation.

The committee has considered the consultation, in particular questions 8 and 9. The committee agrees that such a register may bring benefits. However, care must be taken to ensure that appropriate measures are in place to ensure that any information stored and shared is only done so with the express consent of the patient and for the purposes agreed. The committee suggests that before the full introduction of a register, a limited trial should be conducted to help identify any issues regarding data and privacy issues and to help evaluate the benefit of such a register.

If you wish to discuss further or have any questions, please contact me direct.

Yours faithfully

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