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## **Commission Recommendation and Communication on tracing/contact apps to combat and exit the COVID-19 crisis: C(2020) 2523 and 2296**

On behalf of the Committee, I write to thank the Government for its Explanatory Memorandum of 5 May and to thank you both for your joint letter of 4 June.

The Government's tracing app has yet to be formally launched across the UK. As there are bound to be further developments which raise questions as to whether the app is being implemented and operated in a way which is consistent with EU data protection law, we think it is premature to complete our scrutiny of these EU documents yet.

We would be grateful then for a further update once the NHSX app has been launched and is fully operational.

Please note that I am copying this letter to the Chairs of the following other Committees of the House: Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee, the

Health and Social Care Committee, the Science and Technology Committee and the Joint Committee on Human Rights.

I am also copying the letter to the Earl of Kinnoull and Christopher Johnson in the Lords; to Les Saunders at the Department for Exiting the EU; and Gosia Staniaszek in DCMS and Kasey Tobin in DHSC.

**CHAIR**