Dear Matt,

I was interested to read the Government’s announcements about the UK contact tracing programme and that this will include a number of different elements. I was also interested to hear the announcement on 18 June that the Government has decided to switch to a decentralised digital contact tracing app for the digital app part of the contact tracing package and that this would be rolled out in the autumn or winter.

Whilst some specific concerns may be alleviated by the switch to a decentralised digital contact tracing app, it is still crucial that people in the UK should be able to feel reassured that their data protection, privacy and non-discrimination rights are protected in any contact tracing system.

I would therefore be grateful to know:

• Will any elements of the contact tracing system be mandatory?
• What information might people be required to provide?
• How will data collected by the UK contact tracing system be gathered, stored and deleted?
• Will people be asked to provide personal data relating to other individuals? How will you gather, store and delete data where you do not have that person’s consent to hold their data?
• How are you ensuring that the UK contact tracing system is non-discriminatory?

Yours sincerely

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