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Dear Michael,

Covid Vaccine Passports

There have been media reports that you will be leading a review into the feasibility of vaccine passports, which will also consider using an NHS app as a means of people showing their covid-19 vaccine status.

I would be grateful if you could write to the Committee setting out the terms of reference for this review, including its deadline for reporting, to whom it will report, and whether the review will be published in full at that time. The Committee would also be interested to understand the safeguards that will be considered to ensure that the use of passports or an app would not discriminate against protected groups or against people who choose not to or cannot use technology in this way, as well as giving full consideration to the myriad of ethical issues that this prospect presents.

I can understand that the review may be scoping at the moment, in which case the Committee would be interested to hear your early thoughts at a public evidence session before the Easter recess, and would be grateful if you could let us know your availability so that we can accommodate you. I am placing a copy of this letter in the public domain and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours ever,

William Wragg MP
Chair, Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee