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Dear Dr Plastow,

**Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act 2020 – Draft Code of Practice**

Thank you for your letter dated 01 October 2021 with the attached version (version 0.2) of your proposed Code of Practice on the acquisition, use, retention, and destruction of biometric data for criminal justice and police purposes in Scotland, along with the list of consultees.

Encouragingly, version 0.2 has incorporated Police Scotland's feedback, along with other members of the professional advisory group including SPA Director of Forensic Services, Police Investigations and Review Commissioner, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland, which first met in July 2021.

I note that you have commenced a 3-month period of formal consultation regarding the latest version of the Draft Code of Practice, and I am grateful that Police Scotland has again been provided with the opportunity to provide feedback in advance of the final draft being laid before Scottish Parliament in Spring 2022.

Along with colleagues, I have reviewed version 0.2 and in particular the '12 Guiding Principles and Ethical Considerations' around which the code is structured, and can confirm that I am content with both the content and structure, having previously incorporated our feedback.

If there is anything else that I can do to assist in advance of the Code of Practice being laid before Scottish Parliament, please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



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