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Dear Maya,

Thank you for your letters of 11th April, 18th May & 24th June and apologies for taking so long to reply. I welcomed the conversations we had during the passage of the Data Bill. As I hope I made clear to you and to parliament, the Government believes it is critical that personal data is accurate for the purpose for which it is used.

You shared proposals for the UK digital identity and attributes framework and the Code of Practice for the information sharing powers in your last letter of 24th June. As we've said in the house before, the introduction of the powers in the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 do not create or prescribe new ways to determine a person's sex or gender. The trust framework does not change the evidence that individuals rely on to prove things about themselves. The measures simply enable that to be done digitally.

I am aware there is considerable concern about this being applied when it comes to sex and I want to reassure you that work is being undertaken to ensure that the Supreme Court Judgement is applied throughout the public sector as quickly as possible.

The Government Digital Service (GDS), which sits in my department, established the Domain Expert Group on the Person Entity in November 2024. The group will ensure that data standards are being applied throughout the public sector so that all parties interpret data consistently and accurately. This has been established as a pilot under the Data Standards Authority to help ensure consistency across the public sector.

The Supreme Court judgment in the For Women Scotland case and the statutory Code of Practice the Equalities and Human Rights Commission is in the process of updating will be considered as part of this work. In light of the Supreme Court judgment, we are considering what further levers may be required to drive adoption of the standards developed by the expert group to help ensure that the requirements under the Equality Act 2010 and other relevant legislation are complied with.

The group includes representation from a wide range of public sector organisations across central government, the wider public sector and the devolved administrations including Office of National Statistics, HM Revenue and Customs, Home Office, Department for Work and Pensions, NHS (England), the Office for Digital Identities and Attributes, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, and Police Digital Service.

When we met on 9th April, you requested information on how to make representations to this group. The secretariat for this group is [REDACTED]

and I would welcome your contributions. I value your insight on this area. I want to make sure that your voice has been heard as we move into next steps.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Kyle', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rt Hon Peter Kyle  
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# Redaction Summary

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#### Exemptions/exceptions:

- S.40 - Personal Information