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Dear Simon,

## 1. **Amendment to the Pilot NHS DigiTrials Recruitment Support Services Directions 2021**

- 1.1 I am writing on behalf of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care (the **Secretary of State**) to provide directions to the Health and Social Care Information Centre, (**NHS Digital**), to amend the Pilot NHS DigiTrials Recruitment Support Services Directions 2021 dated 30th July 2021 (the **Original Directions**).
- 1.2 These Directions are given in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 254(1) and (6), 260(2)(d), 261(2)(e) and 304(9), (11) and (12) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and regulation 32 of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (Constitution and Functions) and the Health and Social Care Information Centre (Functions) Regulations 2013 (**the Regulations**) and will come into force on the day after the day on which they are signed.

## 2. **Purpose of these Directions**

- 2.1 The purpose of these Directions (**Purpose**) is to provide NHS Digital with a continuing statutory basis under which it can continue to enhance its support

for health and life sciences research, by developing new elements of an NHS Data-Enabled Clinical Trials Service (NHS DigiTrials). This will continue to help set the UK on a pathway to become a world-leader in clinical research - bringing health and economic benefits of research to UK citizens as well as to the NHS, including supporting recovery COVID-19.

2.2 The expiry date of the Original Directions is extended to 30 September 2023.

### **3. Continuing effect of the Original Directions**

These Directions supplement the Original Directions, which will continue to be in force, as amended by these Directions from the date stated in paragraph 1.2 above, in accordance with their original provisions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Greenrod', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Louise Greenrod

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

Date signed: 06 December 2022