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Dear Richard and Dave,

Thank you for your letters. I apologise for the lack of reply in November, following Tim's meeting with Alison Stone to discuss your concerns, we were hoping that we would be able to write to you about publication in the new year.

As the programme team has previously explained, we remain committed to transparency and to publishing all the minutes from the groups, as well as documents like the literature review and the review of the assurance phase. This remains the case and we can reassure you that we will publish this information as soon as possible. You have seen the web copy and the items we intend to publish and this remains unchanged.

The commitment remains that the GDPR programme will not happen until we are confident that a full communication and engagement process means that the public and the profession are aware of our plans and know how to opt-out should they wish to do so. Any delays mean a delay to the programme delivery date, not a scaling back of our commitments around communication.

We are keen to continue working with you and appreciate your constructive challenge and support as the programme develops. We would like to ask you to bear with us whilst we unblock this issue.

Yours sincerely,



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