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Dear Andrew,

I wrote last month to update the Committee that, on 24 June 2025, the European Commission announced it had adopted a six-month extension to the existing two EU data adequacy decisions for the UK until 27 December 2025.

As I highlighted in that update, the extension was to allow the European Commission to assess whether the UK's new legal framework, which includes the new Data (Use and Access) Act 2025, continues to provide an adequate level of protection for personal data.

I am pleased to update the Committee that on 22 July 2025, the European Commission [announced](#) that it has launched the process to adopt two new adequacy decisions for the UK to allow the free flow of personal data between the European Economic Area and the UK. The Commission has concluded that the UK's legal framework continues to provide data protection safeguards that are essentially equivalent to those provided by the EU. If adopted, the new adequacy decisions will apply for a period of six years.

As part of the adoption procedure, the draft decisions will now be transmitted to the European Data Protection Board for its opinion. The European Commission will also seek approval from a committee composed of representatives of the EU Member States. The European Parliament also has a right of scrutiny over adequacy decisions.

Whilst this adoption process is ongoing, the Welsh Government will continue to engage with the UK Government on this matter through the appropriate inter-governmental channels.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I trust the Committee will find this update useful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Evans". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and a clear 'E'.

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