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Hi [Name Redacted]

SOSNI had a bilateral catchup with the Irish Minister for Foreign Affairs, Simon Coveney at the end of last week where the ongoing issue of data transfer on passengers arriving in Ireland and then travelling on to Northern Ireland (and vice versa) arose - this discussion is summarised below:

- It was noted there remained difficult data protection issues that prevented the transfer of the personal health data but that passengers saying they were continuing to Northern Ireland from Ireland were being contacted to ensure they knew what the NI requirements were and that they needed to follow them.
- Given the PCR test and quarantine requirements for those entering Ireland now, there was very little incentive for passengers to fly to Ireland to circumvent NI restrictions but confirmed they were still seeking a resolution on the data protection issue.
- The issue of data on passengers arriving in Ireland via Northern Ireland was also discussed.

**Are you aware if there have been any further developments in this space- Both in terms of data transfer arrangements for those travelling from IE to NI and vice versa (NI to IE)?**

Happy to discuss if helpful

Kind Regards

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