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**By email only:**

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Dear Mr Ross

**Correction to Letter Dated 28 March 2025**

My initial correspondence stated that the ICO had not engaged with the Scottish Government on the issue of data sharing to support widening access to education.

It has come to my attention, however, that there was an early stage discussion with the Scottish Government on the policy ambition in March 2024. I am writing, therefore, to update and correct my previous correspondence with this information.

At the time of the meeting, there was not enough detail available about the data protection challenges the relevant institutions were facing for us to provide a specific regulatory steer.

We have reiterated our offer to provide regulatory input on this issue. The Scottish Government team have informed us that they are engaging with relevant stakeholders to gather more detail on available options and will take up our offer once they have this.

Yours sincerely

Jenny Brotchie (Acting Head of Scottish Affairs)