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**To The Accounting Officers of the Welsh Government's Arms Length Bodies and Commissioners in Wales.**

**DAO (Wales) 01/19**

Dear Accounting Officers

The Welsh Government is currently working alongside colleagues in the UK Government Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, who are undertaking a piece of work to assess the public sector's ability to access required data in the event of a "No Deal" scenario. Whilst the Welsh Government maintains that "No-Deal" should not be an option, given the significant disruption and damage that this would cause, there is a responsibility to prepare for such a potential situation.

Specifically, the work assesses the extent to which public sector bodies have arrangements such as the delivery of public services, payroll, HR, data storage and any other areas that depend on data transfer from, or processing in, EU/EEA Member States and third countries the EU Commission has recognised have an adequate level of data protection.

I am writing to let you know that as part of this work, the Welsh Government is commissioning its Sponsored Bodies to undertake a self-assessment of their own arrangements to access the data required in the event that the UK leaves the European Union without a deal. A workbook has been developed which contains a set of questions that will guide organisations through the self-assessment process, and is attached to this letter at Annex 1. I ask that you independently complete the workbook questions and return it electronically to the Welsh Government team at [redmond.strivens@gov.wales](mailto:redmond.strivens@gov.wales), by 18 February 2019. Information provided in the workbook may also be used to support the Welsh Government's wider cyber resilience planning.

Annex 2 attached to this letter is a summary of the UK and EU preparedness advice on movement of personal data post-Brexit. It includes links to the full information from both UK

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and EU governments as well as the ICO and we would encourage stakeholders to take account of the guidance they contain. If you have any queries regarding the completion of the workbook, please contact Red Strivens on the email address above.

Kind regards

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