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Dear Tony

Consultation on PASS proposal to develop UK standards for the physical presentation of digital proof of age

I am writing, on behalf of the Board of the Proof of Age Standards Scheme (PASS), to let you know about a consultation which launches today in which we put forward proposals to find a shared solution for how digital proof of age should be verified in physical retail outlets such as shops, pubs, clubs and cinemas. The consultation document, along with response-survey, is available at www.pass-scheme.org.uk.

You will know that PASS has provided assurance, confidence and reliability to businesses, enforcers and customers alike since its formation twenty years ago. Today, the challenge and opportunity is to develop a new set of robust, practical and universal standards that mirrors the success of the current PASS standards but with future-proofing for an age where customers want prove their age digitally in a physical retail and leisure environment, and where businesses and enforcers continue to require high levels of verification standards.

Through the PASS Standards Group we have developed a proposed solution which we think has the potential to create a universal system for verifying digital proof of age at the point of sale. We now want to hear from all interested parties to ensure that the PASS digital proof of age standards are effective so that we can develop a system in which everyone can have confidence.

This consultation will run until 30 April 2020 and this work will, obviously, be of interest to members of the OPSS expert panel and officials, with whom we are in direct contact. Meanwhile, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Katharine Walters, at PASSdigitalconsultation@gmail.com, who the PASS Board has appointed as independent consultant given our desire to bring rigour and transparency to this consultation process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Lowman", written in a cursive style.

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Chair of the PASS Standards Group

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