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Our Ref: CCS-MO-01277-2026

Dear Mr. Holohan,

Thank you for your correspondence in relation to the Government's Digital Wallet and the motion passed by South Dublin County Council on 13 April 2026 (Reference: M5/0426). We sincerely apologise for the delay in our response.

The Government's Digital Wallet is being developed by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) under the framework of the EU eIDAS Regulation (EU 2024/1183), which requires that each EU Member State introduce a secure digital identity framework through a digital wallet. The use of such a wallet by the public is however voluntary.

The Department of Culture, Communications and Sport is working closely with officials in the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation and the OGCIO in respect of the proposed inclusion of a voluntary age verification tool within the Digital Wallet, which could assist designated online platforms compliance with age assurance requirements in Ireland's Online Safety Code.

The proposed utilisation of the Digital Wallet for age verification purposes is also in line with guidelines produced by the European Commission under Article 28 of the Digital Services Act, which deals with the protection of minors online.

As your query is in relation to the Digital Wallet in a general sense, rather than the envisaged age verification feature, I would suggest that you contact the OGCIO directly.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Darren Clarke', written over a horizontal line.

Darren Clarke
Private Secretary