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## YOUR MATTER STEPHEN RIMMER LLP

**From:** "Cheryl Hinton" <Cheryl.Hinton@stephenrimmer.com>

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Sep 30, 2025 10:12:51 AM

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Dear Mr Gresta

Thank you for your Subject Access Request, as you are currently based in Italy, we need to confirm your identity before processing your request in line with data protection requirements.

Please provide a copy of your identification certified by an Italian Solicitor. The Certification should confirm that the copy is a true likeness of your original document. Acceptable forms of ID include:-

1. Passport
2. National Identity Card
3. Driving Licence

Once we have received the certified copy we will be able to proceed with your request.

If you have any questions about the certification process or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely



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### **Attachments**

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## Re: YOUR MATTER STEPHEN RIMMER LLP

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** "Cheryl Hinton" <Cheryl.Hinton@stephenrimmer.com>  
**Date:** Oct 1, 2025 4:02:25 PM

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**Subject:** Response to your request for identity verification – Subject Access Request

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to your communication in which you stated: *"as you are currently based in Italy, we need to confirm your identity before processing your request in line with data protection requirements"* and *"Please provide a copy of your identification certified by an Italian Solicitor."*

These statements are legally significant. By expressly acknowledging that I am "based in Italy," you also recognise that the processing of my personal data falls within the territorial scope of **Article 3(2) of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**, in addition to the **UK GDPR** and the **Data Protection Act 2018**. As a result, any identity verification measures must comply not only with UK standards, but also with the principles of **necessity, proportionality, and transparency** under EU and Italian law.

Your request for certification by an "Italian Solicitor" is problematic for several reasons:

- **No such figure exists in Italy.** The role of "Solicitor" is specific to the UK legal system. The closest professional equivalent in Italy is the *Avvocato*, who does not possess the same certifying powers as a UK Solicitor.
- **Italian law provides a valid alternative.** Pursuant to **D.P.R. 445/2000**, residents in Italy are entitled to certify the conformity of copies of their identity documents through a *dichiarazione sostitutiva di atto di notorietà* (self-declaration). This is a legally recognised method of certification within the Italian jurisdiction.
- **The document in question is a British passport.** Its authenticity can be directly verified through HM Passport Office or Home Office systems in the UK. Requiring external certification in Italy is therefore disproportionate and unnecessary.

In light of the above, your request for certification by an "Italian Solicitor" is not legally viable under Italian law and cannot be considered a valid basis for suspending the statutory deadlines applicable to my Subject Access Request under GDPR.

Accordingly, I hereby provide a duly executed Italian self-declaration certifying the conformity of my identity document, in line with the legal framework you have invoked by recognising my residence in Italy. The relevant supporting documents for identity verification are attached. I therefore request that you proceed without further delay to the full transmission of the materials requested under my Subject Access Request.

Yours sincerely,  
**Riccardo Gresta**

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Il 30/09/2025 11:12, Cheryl Hinton ha scritto:

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