

# **GDPR Privacy notice for employees, workers and contractors (UK)**

## What is the purpose of this document?

The Borough Council of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk, the "Council" is committed to protecting the privacy and security of your personal information. This privacy notice describes how we collect and use personal information about you during and after your working relationship with us, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

It applies to all employees, workers and contractors.

The Council is a "data controller". This means that we are responsible for deciding how we hold and use personal information about you. We are required under data protection legislation to notify you of the information contained in this privacy notice.

This notice applies to current and former employees, workers and contractors. This notice does not form part of any contract of employment or other contract to provide services. We may update this notice at any time.

It is important that you read this notice, together with any other privacy notice we may provide on specific occasions when we are collecting or processing personal information about you, so that you are aware of how and why we are using such information.

## Data protection principles

We will comply with data protection law. This says that the personal information we hold about you must be:

1. Used lawfully, fairly and in a transparent way.
2. Collected only for valid purposes that we have clearly explained to you and not used in any way that is incompatible with those purposes.
3. Relevant to the purposes we have told you about and limited only to those purposes.
4. Accurate and kept up to date.
5. Kept only as long as necessary for the purposes we have told you about.
6. Kept securely.

## The kind of information we hold about you

Personal data, or personal information, means any information about an individual from which that person can be identified. It does not include data where the identity has been removed (anonymous data).

There are "special categories" of more sensitive personal data which require a higher level of protection.

We will collect, store, and use the following categories of personal information about you:

- Personal contact details such as full name, title, addresses, telephone numbers, and personal email addresses.
- Date of birth.
- Gender.
- Marital status and dependants.

- Next of kin and emergency contact information.
- National Insurance number.
- Bank account details, payroll records and tax status information.
- Salary, annual leave, pension and benefits information.
- Start date.
- Location of employment or workplace.
- Copy of driving licence and car insurance documentation.
- Recruitment information (including copies of right to work documentation, qualification certificates, references and other supporting information included as part of the application process).
- Employment records (including job titles, work history, working hours, training records and professional memberships).
- Salary records
- Performance Related Pay information.
- Disciplinary and grievance information.
- Swipecard and time recording records.
- Information about your use of our information and communications systems.
- Photographs.

We may also collect, store and use the following "special categories" of more sensitive personal information:

- Information about your race or ethnicity
- Trade union membership (only where you ask us to deduct subscriptions via payroll).
- Disability status
- Information about your health, including any medical condition, health and sickness records.
- Disclosure and Barring Service Information (only the certificate number and date of certificate is retained)

### **How is your personal information collected?**

We collect personal information about employees, workers and contactors through the application and recruitment process, either directly from candidates, or sometimes from an employment agency. We will also collect additional information from third parties including former employers. We will collect additional personal information in the course of job-related activities throughout the period of you working for us.

## How we will use information about you

We will only use your personal information when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we will use your personal information in the following circumstances:

1. Where we need to perform the contract we have entered into with you.
2. Where we need to comply with a legal obligation.
3. Where it is necessary for our legitimate interests (or those of a third party) and your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests.

We may also use your personal information in the following situations, which are likely to be rare:

1. Where we need to protect your interests (or someone else's interests).
2. Where it is needed in the public interest (or for official purposes).

### Situations in which we will use your personal information

We need all the categories of information in the list above (see The kind of information we hold about you) primarily to allow us to perform our contract with you and to enable us to comply with legal obligations. In some cases we may use your personal information to pursue legitimate interests of our own or those of third parties, provided your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests. The situations in which we will process your personal information are listed below. We have indicated, against each bullet point, the purpose or purposes for which we are processing or will process your personal information.

- Making a decision about your recruitment or appointment.
- Determining the terms on which you work for us.
- Checking you are legally entitled to work in the UK.
- Paying you and, if applicable, deducting tax and National Insurance contributions (there may be instances where we need to deduct tax and NI for those classed as workers).
- Submissions to HMRC as required by legislation.
- Complying with requests for information from entities where we have a legal obligation to provide such information, e.g. DWP, Child Support Agency, HM Courts Service.
- Providing employment benefits to you.
- Administering Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) pension deductions and liaising with Norfolk Pension Fund.
- Administering the employment contract we have entered into with you.
- Business management and planning, including accounting and auditing.
- Conducting performance reviews, managing performance, determining performance ratings and calculating performance related pay.
- Making decisions about salary reviews and rates of pay.

- Gathering evidence for possible grievance or disciplinary hearings.
- Making decisions about your continued employment or engagement.
- Making arrangements for the termination of our working relationship, including requesting forwarding information such as any new address information and future employer name.
- Education, training and development requirements.
- Dealing with legal disputes involving you, or other employees, workers and contractors, including accidents at work.
- Managing sickness absence and ascertaining your fitness to work.
- Complying with health and safety obligations.
- To prevent fraud and money laundering.
- To monitor your use of our information and communication systems to ensure compliance with our IT policies.
- To ensure network and information security, including preventing unauthorised access to our computer and electronic communications systems and preventing malicious software distribution.
- To conduct data analytics studies to review and better understand employee retention and attrition rates.
- Equal opportunities monitoring.

Some of the above grounds for processing will overlap and there may be several grounds which justify our use of your personal information.

### **If you fail to provide personal information**

If you fail to provide certain information when requested, we may not be able to perform the contract we have entered into with you (such as paying you or providing a benefit), or we may be prevented from complying with our legal obligations (such as to ensure the health and safety of our workers).

### **Change of purpose**

We will only use your personal information for the purposes for which we collected it, unless we reasonably consider that we need to use it for another reason and that reason is compatible with the original purpose. If we need to use your personal information for an unrelated purpose, we will notify you and we will explain the legal basis which allows us to do so.

Please note that we may process your personal information without your knowledge or consent, in compliance with the above rules, where this is required or permitted by law.

### **How we use particularly sensitive personal information**

"Special categories" of particularly sensitive personal information require higher levels of protection. We need to have further justification for collecting, storing and using this type of personal information. We may process special categories of personal information in the following circumstances:

1. In limited circumstances, with your explicit written consent.

2. Where we need to carry out our legal obligations or exercise rights in connection with your employment and in line with the Council's Data Protection Policy.
3. Where it is needed in the public interest, such as for equal opportunities monitoring and in line with the Council's Data Protection Policy.
4. Where it is needed to assess your working capacity on health grounds, subject to appropriate confidentiality safeguards.

Less commonly, we may process this type of information where it is needed in relation to legal claims or where it is needed to protect your interests (or someone else's interests) and you are not capable of giving your consent, or where you have already made the information public. We may also process such information about employees or former employees in the course of legitimate business activities with the appropriate safeguards.

### **Our obligations as an employer**

We will use your particularly sensitive personal information in the following ways:

- We will use information relating to leaves of absence, which may include sickness absence or family related leaves, to determine and administer your entitlement to statutory leave and pay and to comply with employment and other laws.
- We will use information about your physical or mental health, or disability status, to ensure your health and safety in the workplace and to assess your fitness to work, to provide appropriate workplace adjustments, to monitor and manage sickness absence and to administer benefits.
- We will use information about your race or national or ethnic origin, to ensure meaningful equal opportunity monitoring and reporting.
- We will use trade union membership information to administer your subscription deductions,

### **Do we need your consent?**

We do not need your consent if we use special categories of your personal information in accordance with our written policy to carry out our legal obligations or exercise specific rights in the field of employment law. In limited circumstances, we may approach you for your written consent to allow us to process certain particularly sensitive data. If we do so, we will provide you with full details of the information that we would like and the reason we need it, so that you can carefully consider whether you wish to consent. You should be aware that it is not a condition of your contract with us that you agree to any request for consent from us.

### **Information about criminal convictions**

We may only use information relating to criminal convictions where the law allows us to do so. This will usually be where such processing is necessary to carry out our obligations and provided we do so in line with the Council's Data Protection Policy.

Less commonly, we may use information relating to criminal convictions where it is necessary in relation to legal claims, where it is necessary to protect your interests (or someone else's interests) and you are not capable of giving your consent, or where you have already made the information public.

We may also process such information about employees or former employees in the course of legitimate business activities with the appropriate safeguards.

We will only collect information about criminal convictions if it is appropriate given the nature of the role and where we are legally able to do so. Where appropriate, we will collect information about criminal convictions as part of the recruitment process or we may be notified of such information directly by you in the course of you working for us. We will use information about criminal convictions and offences in the following ways:

- We collect information about your criminal conviction history before we offer you the role (conditional on checks and any other conditions, such as references, being satisfactory). We may carry out a criminal records check in order to satisfy ourselves that there is nothing in your criminal convictions history which makes you unsuitable for the role. In particular:
- We are legally entitled to carry out criminal record checks for those carrying out working with children or adults at risk.
- If the role is one which is listed on the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (SI 1975/1023) and is also specified in the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) Regulations (SI 2002/233) so is eligible for a standard or enhanced check from the Disclosure and Barring Service.
- If the role requires a high degree of trust and integrity such as for example dealing with customers highly confidential data, we would like to ask you to seek a basic disclosure of your criminal records history.
- Gathering evidence for possible grievance or disciplinary hearings.

We have in place an appropriate policy document and safeguards which we are required by law to maintain when processing such data.

### **Automated decision-making**

Automated decision-making takes place when an electronic system uses personal information to make a decision without human intervention. We are allowed to use automated decision-making in the following circumstances:

1. Where we have notified you of the decision and given you 21 days to request a reconsideration.
2. Where it is necessary to perform the contract with you and appropriate measures are in place to safeguard your rights.
3. In limited circumstances, with your explicit written consent and where appropriate measures are in place to safeguard your rights.

If we make an automated decision on the basis of any particularly sensitive personal information, we must have either your explicit written consent or it must be justified in the public interest, and we must also put in place appropriate measures to safeguard your rights.

We do not envisage that any decisions will be taken about you using automated means, however we will notify you in writing if this position changes.

### **Data sharing**

We will have to share your data with third parties, including third-party service providers and other entities in the group.

We require third parties to respect the security of your data and to treat it in accordance with the law.

### **Why might you share my personal information with third parties?**

We will share your personal information with third parties where required by law, where it is necessary to administer the working relationship with you (e.g. for payroll purposes) or where we have another legitimate interest in doing so.

### **Which third-party service providers process my personal information?**

"Third parties" includes third-party service providers (including contractors and designated agents) and other entities within our group. The following activities are carried out by third-party service providers: payroll, pension administration, expenses administration, time and attendance software, HR software, benefits provision and administration, IT services, occupational health, ophthalmic services (for the purposes of complying with health and safety regulations).

### **How secure is my information with third-party service providers and other entities in the Council?**

All our third-party service providers and other entities are required to take appropriate security measures to protect your personal information in line with our policies. We do not allow our third-party service providers to use your personal data for their own purposes. We only permit them to process your personal data for specified purposes and in accordance with our instructions.

### **When might you share my personal information with other entities in the Council?**

We will share your personal information with other entities within the Council as part of our regular reporting activities on performance, in the context of a business reorganisation or group restructuring exercise, for system maintenance support and hosting of data. In circumstances where fraud is suspected we may be required to share your information with the Councils Revenues and Benefits department.

### **What about other third parties?**

We may share your personal information with other third parties, for example in the context of the possible restructuring of the Council. We may also need to share your personal information with a regulator or to otherwise comply with the law e.g. taking part in the National Fraud Initiative and the Norfolk FraudHub.

### **Data security**

We have put in place measures to protect the security of your information. Details of these measures are available in the Corporate Privacy Policy and the Data Protection Policy.

Third parties will only process your personal information on our instructions and where they have agreed to treat the information confidentially and to keep it secure.

We have put in place appropriate security measures to prevent your personal information from being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way, altered or disclosed. In addition, we limit access to your personal information to those employees, agents, contractors and other third parties who have a business need to know. They will only process your personal information on our instructions and they are subject to a duty of confidentiality.

We have put in place procedures to deal with any suspected data security breach and will notify you and any applicable regulator of a suspected breach where we are legally required to do so.



## **Data retention**

### **How long will you use my information for?**

We will only retain your personal information for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes we collected it for, including for the purposes of satisfying any legal, accounting, or reporting requirements. Details of retention periods for different aspects of your personal information are available in our retention policy which is available from the Council's Data Protection Officer. To determine the appropriate retention period for personal data, we consider the amount, nature, and sensitivity of the personal data, the potential risk of harm from unauthorised use or disclosure of your personal data, the purposes for which we process your personal data and whether we can achieve those purposes through other means, and the applicable legal requirements.

In some circumstances we may anonymise your personal information so that it can no longer be associated with you, in which case we may use such information without further notice to you. Once you are no longer an employee, worker or contractor of the company we will retain and securely destroy your personal information in accordance with our data retention policy, applicable laws and regulations.

### **Rights of access, correction, erasure, and restriction**

#### **Your duty to inform us of changes**

It is important that the personal information we hold about you is accurate and current. Please keep us informed if your personal information changes during your working relationship with us.

#### **Your rights in connection with personal information**

Under certain circumstances, by law you have the right to:

- **Request access** to your personal information (commonly known as a "data subject access request"). This enables you to receive a copy of the personal information we hold about you and to check that we are lawfully processing it.
- **Request correction** of the personal information that we hold about you. This enables you to have any incomplete or inaccurate information we hold about you corrected.
- **Request erasure** of your personal information. This enables you to ask us to delete or remove personal information where there is no good reason for us continuing to process it. You also have the right to ask us to delete or remove your personal information where you have exercised your right to object to processing (see below).
- **Object to processing** of your personal information where we are relying on a legitimate interest (or those of a third party) and there is something about your particular situation which makes you want to object to processing on this ground. You also have the right to object where we are processing your personal information for direct marketing purposes.
- **Request the restriction of processing** of your personal information. This enables you to ask us to suspend the processing of personal information about you, for example if you want us to establish its accuracy or the reason for processing it.

- **Request the transfer** of your personal information to another party. If you want to review, verify, correct or request erasure of your personal information, object to the processing of your personal data, or request that we transfer a copy of your personal information to another party, please contact Becky Box, Assistant Director Central Services.

### **No fee usually required.**

You will not have to pay a fee to access your personal information (or to exercise any of the other rights). However, we may charge a reasonable fee if your request for access is clearly unfounded or excessive. Alternatively, we may refuse to comply with the request in such circumstances.

### **What we may need from you.**

We may need to request specific information from you to help us confirm your identity and ensure your right to access the information (or to exercise any of your other rights). This is another appropriate security measure to ensure that personal information is not disclosed to any person who has no right to receive it.

### **Right to withdraw consent**

In the limited circumstances where you may have provided your consent to the collection, processing and transfer of your personal information for a specific purpose, you have the right to withdraw your consent for that specific processing at any time. To withdraw your consent, please contact Becky Box, Policy, Assistant Director Central Services. Once we have received notification that you have withdrawn your consent, we will no longer process your information for the purpose or purposes you originally agreed to, unless we have another legitimate basis for doing so in law.

### **Data protection officer**

We have appointed a Data Protection Officer to oversee compliance with this privacy notice. If you have any questions about this privacy notice or how we handle your personal information, please contact the Data Protection Officer. You have the right to make a complaint at any time to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), the UK supervisory authority for data protection issues.

### **Changes to this privacy notice**

We reserve the right to update this privacy notice at any time, and we will provide you with a new privacy notice when we make any substantial updates. We may also notify you in other ways from time to time about the processing of your personal information.

**If you have any questions about this privacy notice, please contact Becky Box, Assistant Director Central Services**

**Once you have read this privacy notice please could you return this page, signed and dated to Becky Box, Assistant Director Central Services.**

\_\_\_\_\_ (employee/worker/contractor name), acknowledge that on \_\_\_\_\_ (date), I received a copy of The Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk's Privacy Notice for employees, workers and contractors and that I have read and understood it.

Signature

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Name

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