

# GDPR Privacy notice for employees/agency staff.

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT?

**Denbighshire County 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) and the Data Protection Act 2018.**

**It applies to all employees, workers and contractors, including agency/locum staff. There is a separate privacy notice which is applicable to Elected Members and Lay Members.**

Denbighshire County 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 but if we do so, we will provide you with an updated copy of this notice as soon as reasonably practical.

It is important that you read and retain 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 and what your rights are under the data protection legislation.

## 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 certain types of more sensitive personal data which require a higher level of protection, such as information about a person's health or sexual orientation. Information about criminal convictions also warrants this higher level of protection.

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

- Personal contact details such as 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 and, if different, the date of your continuous employment.
- Leaving date and your reason for leaving.
- Location of employment or workplace.
- Copy of driving licence.
- Copy of passport and certain 'right to work in the UK' evidence.
- Recruitment information (including copies of right to work documentation, references and other information included in a CV or cover letter or as part of the application process).
- Employment records (including job titles, work history, working hours, holidays, training records and professional memberships).
- Performance information.
- Disciplinary and grievance information.
- CCTV footage and other information obtained through electronic means such as swipe card records.
- Information about your use (including misuse if any) of our information and communications systems.
- Photographs for ID and relevant business purposes.
- Results of HMRC employment status check, details of your interest in and connection with the intermediary through which your services may have been supplied such as recruitment agency.

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

- Information about your race or ethnicity, religious beliefs, sexual orientation and political opinions.

- Trade union membership.
- Information about your health, including any medical condition, health and sickness records, including:
  - where you leave employment and the reason for leaving is determined to be ill-health, injury or disability, the records relating to that decision;
  - details of any absences (other than holidays) from work including time on statutory parental leave and sick leave; and
  - where you leave employment and the reason for leaving is related to your health, information about that condition needed for pensions and permanent health insurance purposes.
- Biometric data.
- Information about criminal convictions and offences.

### 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 or background check provider. We may sometimes collect additional information from third parties including former employers, credit reference agencies or other background check agencies such as the Education Workforce Council or a professional regulator.

We may also collect personal information in relation to pension arrangements operated by the Clwyd Pension Fund.

We will collect additional personal information in the course of job-related activities, where we have a valid legal basis for so doing, 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 legitimate interests pursued by us or 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:

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. \*\*\*\*\*
3. Where it is necessary for us to establish or defend legal claims. \*\*\*\*\*
4. Where it is necessary for the assessment of your working capacity, subject to confidentiality safeguards. \*\*\*\*\*
5. Where it is necessary for carrying out employment rights and obligations and it is authorised in law. \*\*\*\*\*

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

We need all the categories of information in the list above 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 \*\*\*, 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 by asterisks the purpose or purposes for which we are processing or will process your personal information.

- Making a decision about your recruitment or appointment such as processing your cv, application form\*
- Determining the terms on which you work for us. \*
- Checking you are legally entitled to work in the UK. \*\*
- Paying you\* and, if you are an employee or deemed employee for tax purposes, deducting tax and National Insurance contributions (NICs). \*\*
- Providing employee benefits to you such as administering salary sacrifice schemes or Vectis cards. \*\*\*
- Enrolling you in a pension arrangement in accordance with our statutory automatic enrolment duties. \*\*
- Liaising with your pension provider and any other provider of employee benefits. \*\*
- Administering the contract we have entered into with you. \*
- Business management and planning, including accounting and auditing. \*\*\*
- Conducting performance reviews, managing performance and determining performance requirements. \*
- Making decisions about salary reviews and compensation. \*/\*\*\*
- Assessing qualifications for a particular job or task, including decisions about promotions. \*\*/\*\*\*
- 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. \*\*\*
- Education, training and development requirements. \*\*\*
- Dealing with legal disputes involving you, or other employees, workers and contractors, including accidents at work. \*\*\*\*\*
- Ascertaining your fitness to work. \*\*\*\*\*
- Managing sickness absence. \*
- Complying with health and safety obligations. \*\*
- To prevent fraud. \*\*\*\*\*
- 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 or to customers).

### **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, such as information about your health, racial or ethnic origin, sexual orientation or trade union membership, require higher levels of protection. We need to have further justification for collecting, storing and using this type of personal information. We have in place an appropriate policy document and safeguards which we are required by law to maintain when processing such data. 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 employment.
3. Where it is needed in the public interest, such as for equal opportunities monitoring or in relation to the pension scheme.

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.

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

In general, we will not process particularly sensitive personal information about you unless it is necessary for performing or exercising obligations or rights in connection with employment. On rare occasions, there may be other reasons for processing, such as it is in the public interest to do so. The situations in which we will process your particularly sensitive personal information are listed below. We have indicated the purpose or purposes for which we are processing or will process your more sensitive personal information.

- 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 including statutory maternity pay, statutory sick pay, and pensions. We need to process this information to exercise rights and perform obligations in connection with your employment.
- If you apply for an ill-health pension under our pension arrangements operated by the Clwyd Pension Fund, we will use information about your physical or mental health in reaching a decision about your entitlement.

- We will use information about your race or national or ethnic origin, religious, philosophical or moral beliefs, or your sexual life or sexual orientation, to ensure meaningful equal opportunity monitoring and reporting.
- We will use trade union membership information to pay trade union premiums, register the status of a protected employee and to comply with employment law obligations.

### **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 our data protection policy and the Disclosure and Barring Services Policy.

We envisage that we will hold information about criminal convictions of employees whose role requires us in law to do so.

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:

- To determine whether a person is fit and proper to carry out a role with children or vulnerable adults
- To carry out any risk assessment
- To determine whether an employee may drive a vehicle in respect of their duties.
- To determine whether the conviction affects the employment contract or trust and confidence relationship.

We are allowed to use your personal information in this way in order to carry out our legal obligations in connection with employment or where there is a substantial public interest in us doing so. We have in place an appropriate policy and safeguards which we are required by law to maintain when processing such data.

### **AUTOMATED DECISION-MAKING**

Automated decision-making takes place when our electronic system (i-trent) 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.

You will not be subject to decisions that will have a significant impact on you based solely on automated decision-making, unless we have a lawful basis for doing so and we have notified you.

## **DATA SHARING**

We may have to share your data with third parties such as other government agencies; our insurer or our professional advisors or for safeguarding reasons.

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

If we do, you can expect a similar degree of protection in respect of your personal information.

### **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 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).

We will share personal data regarding your participation in any pension arrangement operated by the Clwyd Pension Fund.

### **How secure is my information with third-party service providers?**

All our third-party service providers 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.

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

We may share your personal information with other third parties, for example in the context of any local

government reorganisation, collaboration or restructuring or outsourcing of a service. In this situation we will, so far as possible, share anonymised data with the other parties before the transaction completes. Once the transaction is completed, we will share your personal data with the other parties if and to the extent required under the terms of the transaction.

We may also need to share your personal information with a regulator or to otherwise comply with the law. This may include making returns to HMRC; Care Council for Wales; police and intelligence agencies and so on.

**Transferring information outside the EU**

We do not envisage sharing employee information outside of the EU.

**DATA SECURITY**

We have put in place organisational and technical measures to protect the security of your information. Details of these measures are available upon request.

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. We have an appointed Senior Information Risk Officer.

**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 on the intranet.] 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 or any 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; staff are encouraged to do this if they are office based by updating their details on I-Trent self service.

### 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. If we have a lawful basis to continue to process then we may refuse your request for erasure. 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 HR Direct in writing.

### 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). If your request for access is clearly unfounded or excessive 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 HR Direct. 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 (DPO) 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 them on [dataprotection@denbighshire.gov.uk](mailto:dataprotection@denbighshire.gov.uk). 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 communicate to you any 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.

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