



Data Protection, Retention, Privacy & Confidentiality Policy 2026

Introduction

Confidentiality is central to the implementation of the core values which Impactful Lives requires all "staff" (staff, volunteers and contractors) to apply in all areas of their work. In maintaining these values it is essential that information about people is respected and contained, held and used appropriately. This policy has been developed in line with the Data Protection Act (1998) and in no way limits any rights under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

All staff, Trustees and Volunteers are required to sign the confidentiality agreement (Appendix A)

Signed at induction and before commencing any work for or with Impactful Lives.

Aim

The aim of this policy is to ensure that employees and volunteers are aware of their responsibilities in maintaining confidentiality in terms of updating and storing records, access to records and disclosure of information. The contents of this policy are in line with the requirements of the Data Protection Act (1998) the Care Standards Act (2000), Supporting People Frameworks and OFSTED or other accreditation requirements.

GDPR

Regulations on General Data Protection Registration (GDPR) came into force in May 2018 and rules apply to this policy regardless of it being updated with new laws.

The **Data Controller** is Andrew Waite (Chair of Trustees) and can be contacted at:

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Security of Equipment and data

Impactful Lives subscribes to Kaspersky Internet Security which checks all websites and documents before opening. These are downloaded onto the Office Computer and Staff or Trustee work mobile phones. Volunteers are advised to install software protection onto their own personal mobile phones and computers, especially when handling data through email communication from Impactful Lives.

Sensitive User (Enterprise) Account

To add further scrutiny and protection, highly sensitive data is accessible only through our HubSpot CRM “Sensitive User License”, currently held by the Data Controller.

To limit the number of documents at risk, we use HubSpot CRM to hold client data and documents. This is where documents should be exchanged whilst held securely on a cloud-based system.

Outlook email & calendars

We use Outlook with a 2-factor Authentication, using computers or laptops with a PIN security before opening MS Windows. Staff must log their activities and location using Outlook calendar for their own personal protection and accountability (see Lone Working Policy).

Cyber Security

We have invested in Cyber Essentials Security and have achieved accreditation. This is now managed by our I.T. Support service “CyberTec Security”.

All data is ***only*** to be held on Impactful Lives computers, laptops and work mobile phones or HubSpot cloud CRM.

Direct Marketing & Communication

Postal mailing or electronic mailing may take place from time to time and data is collected through a physical registration of attendees at events or activities or held on Client Relationship Management (CRM) Management software and stored on cloud-based storage for existing and opted-in clients. Data is not transferred to any other organisation or to anyone outside of the European Union (E.U.) although data may be held securely on cloud-based systems outside of the E.U.

We do not pass on information to third parties and data is not permitted to be shared outside of Impactful Lives without the written consent of individuals. This includes names, address, telephone number, email or other methods of communication which remains confidential.

A CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT IS SIGNED BY EVERY MEMBER WORKING FOR US, THAT INFORMATION WILL NOT BE SHARED.

Responsibilities

1. Maintaining and storing files and records

- 1.1 All personal files and records relating to people who use a service must be securely stored away when not in use and this must be carried out in line with the appropriate procedures in place for storage of files.
- 1.2 Files and records should only contain information that is necessary for their purpose.
- 1.3 Files and records must be retained for seven years after the person has ceased to receive services from Impactful Lives. After this period of inactivity the file must be destroyed in a manner that ensures confidentiality. Historic employment data for staff must be held for 15 years.

- 1.4 Information kept in files and records must be accurate and up-to-date.
- 1.5 All Impactful Lives staff are entitled to expect that personal information kept about themselves remains confidential. All physical personnel files and records must be kept in locked cupboards or cabinets or held with access by the Data Controller.
- 1.6 Files should not be removed from Impactful Lives premises other than in exceptional circumstances and only with the prior knowledge and agreement of the appropriate Line Manager.
- 1.7 All electronic files and other forms of confidential information must be saved on password protected computer systems. If using iPads or laptops, a security code ***must*** be used for the device. If working in a public place or public transport being ***aware*** that someone could overlook screens or papers.
- 1.8 Staff members working from home must ensure that all confidential information is kept in a secure location that ensures confidentiality cannot be purposefully or inadvertently breached. This includes ensuring that personal computers used for work purposes are password protected and that no files with personal data are consequently printed as a hard copy at home.
- 1.9 Profiling of individuals within an organisation is based on organisation activity, roles, types and geographic location. This is for the purpose of identifying the appropriately skilled and located staff to work with organisations and individuals.

2. Access to files and records

- 2.1 The person to whom files and records refers must be supported, according to their individual need, to have access to them if they wish.
- 2.2 Only staff members who have full and up to date (i.e. within the last three years) enhanced DBS clearance can have access to personal details of Impactful Lives service users, members, volunteers or employees. Access to personal files and records by staff members should be made on a need to know basis. The Chief Executive may decide that some information about a person is confidential and that it should not be disclosed to the staff team but information ***must*** be disclosed to the Designated Senior Person (DSP) for safeguarding concerns. If confidential information is being passed on to other staff it must be made clear by the individual passing on this information that the information continues to remain confidential.
- 2.3 Relatives of people who use a service can have access to a person's files and records with the written consent of the relevant service user. Documents with shared information on other service users must be removed before access is given. A £30 administration fee applies for disclosing personal information.
- 2.4 Where a person has given their consent for any personal information to be disclosed to someone else, it is important to establish that their consent is

informed and that they have an understanding of the possible implications of such a disclosure. If in doubt, consult with the Chief Executive.

- 2.5 Volunteers, visitors and people not employed to support the person concerned should not have access to personal files and records. Specific information may be shared e.g. dietary preferences, issues relating to individual risk taking etc. This disclosure should take place preferably in the presence of the person concerned and with their prior consent. (Please see Impactful Lives's Volunteer Guidelines or speak with the Managing Director).
- 2.6 Certain people, such as the Care Quality Commission, OFSTED Inspectors, and Care Managers have legal rights to access personal information.
- 2.7 All Impactful Lives staff are entitled to have access to files and records kept about them by making a written request and allowing 7 days notice.
- 2.8 Where a person using a service has seen their file and feels that information is inaccurate in anyway, they may request that the file be amended. This request should be made to a senior manager, stating the reasons why. People may ask team members to support them in making the request.
- 2.9 Where an employee has seen their file and feels that information is inaccurate in anyway, they may request that the file be amended. This request should be made in writing to the Managing Director, stating the reasons why they feel the file should be amended.
- 2.10 If in doubt about a person's right to access personal information, consult with a senior manager. Remember that access to confidential information will only be made on a 'need to know' basis.
- 2.11 Subjects are able to opt-out of correspondence and request their information to be removed at any time by confirming their request in writing by email or by post. Evidence of the individual owner will be sought to clarify the data belongs to the subject making the request.

3. Verbal Communication

- 3.1 Confidentiality is equally applicable to verbal information as to written information. Telephone conversations must limit the amount of information that you can give without categorically having proof of the authorised recipient. This also applies to anyone within hearing distance of a telephone conversation. In addition to the previous stipulations, the following guidance applies.
- 3.2 Confidentiality must be ensured when arranging meetings with people supported by Impactful Lives services. As such, meetings should only be arranged in public spaces at the explicit request of the person being supported.
- 3.3 Workers should avoid making work-related telephone calls outside of Impactful Lives venues or the home of the service user the telephone call relates to. If such telephones conversations must be undertaken in a public place, staff should move to the most private area available. They must also ensure that

they do not use any identifying details during the course of the conversation. This includes names, addresses, dates of birth and any personal issues.

4. Disclosure of Information

- 4.1 Employees should be aware that there may be circumstances where they are not able to respect someone's confidentiality – these will be in situations where someone discloses that they have abused someone or are being abused or when any breach of a disciplinary rule is alleged. In these circumstances a Managing Director or DSP must be contacted. In the event that someone is being abused, the Safeguarding Policy must be followed. Also, where there is a possible breach of the Impactful Lives's disciplinary rules the Disciplinary Procedure will be instigated.
- 4.2 Disclosure of personal information should always be kept to an absolute minimum and on a 'need to know' basis only. When discussing matters with someone and a safeguarding issue arises, we must stop the discussion and inform the other party that a safeguarding issue will be reported to a DSP as part of a legal Duty to Report.
- 4.3 In deciding whether or not to disclose information, employees should consider the following points;
- Does the person to whom it is being disclosed need to know?
 - Is the person aware that the information is confidential? People must be told the status of information so that they know how to treat the information.
 - How can the information be conveyed in a way that is respectful, discreet and sensitive?

If in doubt, contact the Designated Senior Person.

- 4.4 In deciding whether or not someone needs to know the information, employees should consider the following points;
- We have a legal Duty to Report all Safeguarding issues.
 - We will not be putting the person at risk if we disclose the information to a DSP.
 - What harm might we do by not disclosing the information?
 - Do Impactful Lives colleagues need to have the information to be able to support the person adequately?
 - Consider the seven conditions of Data Protection if sharing with anyone other than Safeguarding officials:
 1. What information needs to be shared.
 2. The organisations that will be involved.
 3. What you need to tell people about the data sharing and how you will communicate that information.
 4. Measures to ensure adequate security is in place to protect the data.
 5. What arrangements need to be in place to provide individuals with access to their personal data if they request it.
 6. Agreed common retention periods for the data.
 7. Processes to ensure secure deletion takes place.

If in doubt, contact the Chief Executive.

- 4.5 Where information regarding a service user needs to be passed on to a professional who works with that person (e.g. a Doctor, ambulance or Care provider), this will be discussed with the service user concerned beforehand.
- 4.6 Information about a person may be given to a relative or family member of a person living in a residential service following discussion with the person concerned and a senior manager.
- 4.7 Personal information about an Impactful Lives staff member should not be disclosed to another staff without their consent.
- 4.8 Personal information about an Impactful Lives staff member may need to be passed on to a manager within the service or to a senior manager if it relates to the quality of service being provided. This should be on a 'need to know' basis only.

A failure to adhere to this policy which results in inappropriate disclosure of confidential information is a disciplinary offence and will be dealt with in accordance with Impactful Lives's Disciplinary Procedure, which could result in dismissal.

Data Protection, Retention and Security of Information

Impactful Lives takes the concept of **confidentiality very seriously** and does all in its power to restrict personal information to those who genuinely need to know. Breach of confidentiality will result in **disciplinary measures and removal from service, business or activity** of any person found to be in breach of our Data Protection, Retention, Privacy & Confidentiality Policy.

To comply with the principles of the Data Protection Act, Impactful Lives will endeavour to ensure that **strict confidentiality of clients' personal data is maintained in all of its work**, whether the information is stored on a computer or a manual filing system.

Impactful Lives will also ensure that:

- access to personal information by its staff is on a "need to know" basis only; personal information is not given to any outside party without the consent of the person concerned (or their legal or appointed representative);

- information is stored securely and can be reinstated/restored in an emergency;

- clients are made aware that they have the right to request access to information concerning them for an administration fee of £20.

Clients are defined as organisations and individuals we engage with or any individual or organisation who receive a service.

All personal information will be stored under lock and key in the office and/or on computer protected by a security code. Computer held records will be copied onto a disk and stored at a designated site away from Impactful Lives's office or in a fire-proof safe within the registered office.

All clients will be made aware that they have a right to access personal information held on them, but should give reasonable notice of this request to the senior manager responsible. References will remain confidential.

Personal information about clients will be shared within Impactful Lives on a strictly "need to know" basis and will not be shared with outside agencies without the prior permission of the person concerned (or their legal or appointed representative), except in unavoidable or exceptional circumstances.

Notes of meetings with clients where personal issues are discussed will not be freely circulated or accessible and will be stored securely.

Personal data will not be kept unnecessarily and in normal circumstances will be destroyed after 5 years (please refer to Data Retention for further information).

Personal data and confidential documents will be shredded on disposal.

Adequate security precautions must be taken when laptop computers, mobile or iPads and personal data is taken out of the office, e.g. Must be passcode protected, not left unattended or kept in the boot or locked car glovebox.

The Data Protection Controller is the Chief Executive of Impactful Lives (Andrew Waite) and the Data Protection Compliance Officer is the Customer Service Director (Alexandre Oliveira).

All staff are made aware of this policy and agree to abide by it.

All papers containing client data is locked away each evening or upon leaving the office.

Freedom of Information

If a request is received for access to information under the Freedom of Information Act staff should refer the matter to the Chief Executive. In deciding whether there is a duty to disclose the information requested, the Chief Executive should consider all individual's rights of protection under the Data Protection Act.

Staff, Consultants and Volunteers are to comply with all of the Principals of Data Protection and are aware of the consequences of non-compliance.

Breaches of Data Protection are Disciplinary matters and currently carry a penalty of 1,000,000 Euro or 4% of the organisation annual turnover.

Any discovered data security breach will be notified to Information Commissioners Office within 72 hours. We will report the nature of any breach, the number of data subjects, categories of data and our proposed mitigation (see Appendix B).

For duration of keeping documents see Appendix C.

Passwords

The office internet router firewall device had a default password on it. The password has been changed since installation and a hard-copy is kept in a locked safe.

Default password has been changed on the router and firewalls.

all passwords are at least 11 characters and made up of uppercase, lowercase and special characters.



Appendix A Confidentiality Agreement

All persons engaged with Impactful Lives – (charity No. 1203136), whether as an employee, Consultant or volunteer must always be aware of the confidentiality and privacy of information and data gained by them during the course of their interactions and/or duties with Impactful Lives and our clients (see Data Protection, Retention, Privacy & Confidentiality Policy).

It is expected that employees and volunteers, working with or for Impactful Lives treat information in a discreet and confidential manner.

Particular attention is drawn to the following:

Data must not be shared with any organisation outside of Impactful Lives (See GDPR).

Written records, including computerized information and correspondence, must be kept securely at all times when being used by an authorized person.

Client data is held securely on a CRM system, accessed by authorized members of the team and cannot be exported or shared with anyone outside of Impactful Lives.

Information regarding students, delegates, parents, carers or any other individual must not be disclosed either orally or in writing to an unauthorized person or organisation at any time unless there is a partnership agreement and explicit permission is outlined at the data collection point.

Conversations relating to confidential matters should not take place in situations where they may be overheard by passers-by, this includes when in the workplace or on placement.

Any breach of confidentiality or privacy will be considered as misconduct and the subject of serious action e.g. termination of employment and investigation by the Information Commissioners Office.

The importance of confidentiality cannot be stressed too much and it is important to be borne in mind at all times.

I have read, understood and accept the terms of confidentiality and privacy (above).

Signed Printed

Dated

Appendix B

Data Breach Reporting Form

Please complete this form to report a personal data breach to the Data Protection Officer.

This form should be read alongside our **Data Breach Process** document (below), which provides further information and key definitions before completing the Reporting Form.

Please do not include any of the personal data involved in the breach when completing this form. For example, do not provide the names of data subjects affected by the breach. If we need this information, we will ask for it later.

Report Type:

Initial report

Follow-up report

(Follow-up reports only) Directors case reference:

DATA BREACH PROCESS

The purpose of this document is to outline the process for reporting and managing data breaches. It sets out the requirements of the organization to report data breaches to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) and the action to be taken.

What is a Data Breach?

The ICO defines a personal data breach as ‘the accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of, or access to, personal data. This includes breaches that are the result of both accidental and deliberate causes.’

- deliberate or accidental action (or inaction) by a controller or processor; sending personal data to an incorrect recipient;
- computing devices containing personal data being lost or stolen; alteration of personal data without permission; and
- loss of availability of personal data
- A personal data breach occurs when ‘any personal data is lost, destroyed, corrupted or disclosed; if someone accesses the data or passes it on without proper authorisation; or if the data is made unavailable, for example, when it has been encrypted by ransomware, or accidentally lost or destroyed’

Reporting a Data Breach

If a data breach has been identified, the Directors must be notified immediately, providing the following information:

- What the breach is (e.g. information has been accidentally sent to a third party via email)
- What information is contained/has been breached
- Whose data is involved (e.g. students, staff) and the number of individuals/personal
- data records it concerns
- Where the breach occurred
- When the breach occurred

The likely consequences of the breach Any steps already taken to mitigate the breach (if any)

You can contact the Data Protection Officer at admin@ig-cic.org.uk .

You must report the breach as a matter of urgency as Impactful Lives is required to report the breach to the ICO no later than 72 hours after the breach occurred.

Steps for reporting a breach, and required timescales

Action required Timescale (from the time the breach is identified) 1 Report the breach to your line manager and the Directors immediately

- Complete the Data Breach Reporting Form and send to one of the Directors.
- The Data Protection Officer will inform the Chief Executive within 2 hours
- Data Protection Officer will then advise the Customer Service Director
- The Chief Executive will then identify whether the breach is required to be reported to the ICO or not. This is dependent on the gravity of the breach.

Discuss the matter with the ICO on a 'without prejudice' basis.

Advise and seek instructions from the Chief Executive.

- The Directors will provide advice and guidance to the person reporting the breach within 6 hours on the steps to be taken to mitigate the breach.
- If the breach is considered 'high risk', the Directors will inform the individuals concerned in conjunction with the relevant department about the breach of their personal data within 24 hours.
- The Directors will then record the data breach within the next 24 hours and store all relevant communications on file (within 48 hours).
- Informing individuals about any breach of their data within the final 72 hours, if one is found or likely to have happened.
- If required, the Data Controller will report the data breach within 10 hours of the breach, to the ICO keeping within the 72-hour deadline and continue to liaise with them as required.

If applicable, the Customer Service Director will contact the individual/s concerned and notify them of the following:

- The name and contact details of Impactful Lives's Data Protection Officer
- A description of the likely consequences of the personal data breach
- A description of the measures taken, or proposed to be taken, to deal with the personal data breach and, if applicable, the measures taken to mitigate any possible adverse effects.

Information to be reported

Any data breach should be reported to the Directors, even if it not made directly by staff at Impactful Lives – (charity No. 1203136) (***the company***). This includes information about data breaches made by third parties the company works with, including partners and third-party system providers.

These should be reported to the Directors as a matter of urgency as above.

1. Next steps

Once the data breach has been identified and the appropriate action has been taken, the Directors will advise on the next steps to be taken and will liaise with you to identify what updates and improvements are required to ensure the breach doesn't occur again and to reduce the potential of any other data breaches in future.

2. Directors

Will review how we:

- Process personal data which could result in a risk of physical harm if there is a security breach
- Process data in a way which prevents individuals exercising a right or using a service or contract
- Participate in a new data-sharing initiative with another organization(s) or transfer personal data outside the EU Process personal data in ways which individuals might not reasonably expect
- Also consider doing a DPIA in any major project involving use of personal data, even if it is not sensitive data (e.g. if you are going to use a significant amount of personal data from a large number of data subjects). If you decide not to, document your reasons. Conduct a new DPIA if the nature, scope, context or purposes of the processing changes.

If you think it likely that a DPIA is required, contact the Data Protection Officer who can provide guidance, and may ask you to fill in a Data Protection Impact Assessment Form.

3. Step 2

Determine that the processing is necessary and proportionate

- 1) Describe the proposed processing and why it is being proposed. This should include an analysis of how the data will be obtained, used and retained.
- 2) Assess the necessity and proportionality of the processing in relation to the purpose, i.e. can it be done another way that requires less processing of personal data?
- 3) Always consider whether you can anonymise or at least pseudonymise the data you wish to process. You may be able to anonymise at a later date, safely destroying the original identifiable data. Also consider whether you can conduct the activity with less data either in terms of quantity or quality — only take what you need.

4. Step 3

Identify the risks associated with the processing

- 1) Assess the risks to the rights and freedoms of the individuals whose data is being processed, i.e. what would happen if the data was lost or misused in some way? When doing this, you need to consider the rights of individuals under the GDPR. (ICO guidance on rights of data subjects is available at: <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/individual-rights/>. If you have any questions about this, consult the Data Protection Officer.
- 2) Consider the risk that the processing poses (if any) to compliance with the GDPR and to the organisation more broadly.

Customer Service Director

5. Step 4

Identify solutions/mitigations to the risks

- 1) Describe safeguards and security measures put in place, privacy by design, use of data processing and data sharing agreements.
- 2) Consider seeking the views of the data subjects, or their representatives and other interested parties (i.e. data processors, sector specialists).

6. Step 5

Feed the results into the proposal

- 1) Assess if there are changes that need to be made to the proposal and define how the risks will be monitored.
- 2) Make sure that the solutions proposed deal with the risk. If you are not sure about acceptable levels please contact the Data Protection Officer.

7. Step 6

Approval

- 1) Measures and residual risks should be approved by the relevant project lead. If any residual high risks are identified, the Data Protection Officer should be informed of these (as the ICO may need to be consulted).
- 2) Once completed, send the DPIA form to the Data Protection Officer, who will review it, and offer advice. It will then be sent for approval to the Directors, and Data Controller.

8. Step 7

Implementation and Review

- 1) Once the DPIA has been approved, it is safe to proceed. Make sure that all those involved in the processing are aware of the necessary solutions.
- 2) Keep a record of your processing activities, and regularly review them to ensure they are still compliant with the acceptable position. Be responsive to any necessary changes.
- 3) Set review dates for 1 month, 3 months, 6 months, and then 12 months after the initial DPIA. Thereafter, review annually or if there is a change in how you process data (whichever is first). Inform the Data Protection Officer of any changes.

About the Breach

What has happened?

Tell us as much as you can about what happened, what went wrong and how it happened

Was the breach caused by a cyber incident?

Yes

No

How did you find out about the breach?

When did you discover the breach?

Date:

Time:

When did the breach happen?

Date:

Time:

Categories of personal data included in the breach (tick all that apply)

- Data revealing racial or ethnic origin
- Political opinions
- Religious or philosophical beliefs
- Trade union membership
- Sex life data
- Sexual orientation data
- Gender reassignment data
- Health data
- Basic personal identifiers, e.g. name, contact details Identification data, e.g. usernames, passwords Economic and financial data, e.g. credit card numbers, bank details
- Official documents, e.g. driving licences
- Location data
- Genetic or biometric data
- Criminal convictions, offences
- Not yet known Other (please give details below)

Number of personal data records concerned?

How many data subjects could be affected?

Categories of data subjects affected (tick all that apply)

- Employees
- Users
- Subscribers
- Students
- Clients
- Patients
- Children
- Vulnerable adults
- Not yet known
- Other (please give details below)

Potential consequences of the breach

Please describe the possible impact on data subjects, as a result of the breach.
Please state if there has been any actual harm to data subjects

What is the likelihood that data subjects will experience significant consequences as a result of the breach?

- Very likely
- Likely

Neutral — neither likely nor unlikely Unlikely

Very unlikely

Not yet known

Please give details

(Cyber incidents only) Has the confidentiality, integrity and/or availability of your information systems been affected?

Yes No

(Cyber incidents only) If you answered yes, please specify (tick all that apply)

Confidentiality

Integrity

Availability

(Cyber incidents only) Impact on the organisation

High -we have lost the ability to provide all critical services to all users

Medium — we have lost the ability to provide a critical service to some

Low —there is no loss of efficiency, or a low loss of efficiency, and we can still provide all critical services to all users

Not yet known.

(Cyber incidents only) Recovery time

Regular — we can predict our recover time, with existing resources

Supplemented — we can predict our recovery time with additional resources

Extended — we cannot predict our recovery time, and need extra resources

Not recoverable — recovery from the incident is not possible, e.g. backups can't be restored Complete — recovery is complete

Not yet known

Had the staff member involved in this breach received data protection training in the last two years?

Yes

No

Don't know

The breach did not involve an Impactful Lives Staff (please give details below):

(Initial reports only) If there has been a delay in reporting this breach, please explain why

(Follow-up reports only) Describe any measures you had in place before the breach with the aim of preventing a breach of this nature

Taking action Describe the actions you have taken, or propose to take, as a result of the breach

Include, where appropriate, actions you have taken to fix the problem, and to mitigate any adverse effects, e.g. confirmed data sent in error has been destroyed, updated passwords, planning information security training.

(Follow-up reports only) Outline any steps you are taking to prevent a recurrence, and when you expect they will be completed

Have you told data subjects about the breach?

- Yes, we've told affected data subjects
- We're about to, or are in the process of telling data subjects No, they're already aware
- No, but we're planning to
- No, we've decided not to
- We haven't decided yet if we will tell them or not

[]Something else (please give details below)

Details of Person making this report, in case we need to contact you for further details:

Name:

Job title:

Email:

Phone:

Please send your completed form to admin@ig-cic.org.uk with 'Personal data breach notification' in the subject field.

Data Protection Impact Assessment Form

This form should be filled out at the beginning of any major project involving:

The use of personal data, or if you are making a significant change to an existing process.

Use this form alongside our Data Protection Impact Assessment Guidance, which provides further information and key definitions to help you identify if you need to conduct a DPIA. The final outcomes of your DPIA should be integrated back into your project plan.

Details of Person completing the form:

Name:

Job title:

Email:

Phone: DPIA Reference Number (Directors to fill): Type:

Initial DPIA Review (please indicate date of review):

Date:

Part A: Identify the need for a DPIA

1. Explain broadly what the project aims to achieve and what type of processing it involves. You may find it helpful to refer or link to other documents, such as a project proposal. Summarise why you identified the need for a DPIA.

Part B: Describe the processing

2. Describe the nature of the processing: how will you collect, use, store and delete data? What is the source of the data? Will you be sharing data with anyone? You might find it useful to refer to a flow diagram or another way of describing data flows. What types of processing identified as likely high risk are involved?

3. **Describe the scope of the processing: what is the nature of the data, and does it include special category or criminal offence data? How much**

data will you be collecting and using? How often? How long will you keep it? How many individuals are affected? What geographical area does it cover?

Special category data is personal data which is more sensitive and could create significant risks to a person's fundamental rights and freedoms, e.g. by putting them at risk of unlawful discrimination. Some examples are:

- Race:
- Ethnic origin:
- Politics:
- Religion:
- Trade union membership:
- Genetics; biometrics (where used for ID purposes);
- Health:
- Sex life:
- Sexual orientation:

Criminal offence data is separate from special category data, and means personal data relating to criminal allegations, proceedings, or convictions, or related security measures.

- 4. Describe the context of the processing: what is the nature of your relationship with the individuals? How much control will they have? Would they expect you to use their data in this way? Do they include children or other vulnerable groups? Are there prior concerns over this type of processing or security flaws? Is it novel in any way? What is the current state of technology in this area? Are there any current issues of public concern that you should factor in? Are you signed up to any approved code of conduct or certification scheme (once any have been approved)?**

5. Describe the purposes of the processing: what do you want to achieve? What is the intended effect on individuals? What are the benefits of the processing for you, and more broadly?

Part C: Consultation process

- 6. Consider how to consult with relevant stakeholders: describe when and how you will seek individuals' views - or justify why it's not appropriate to do so. Who else do you need to involve within your organisation? Do you need to ask your processors to assist? Do you plan to consult information security experts, or any other experts?**

Part D: Assess necessity and proportionality

7. Describe compliance and proportionality measures, in particular: What is your lawful basis for processing? Does the processing actually achieve your purpose? Is there another way to achieve the same outcome? How will you prevent function creep? How will you ensure data quality and data minimisation? What information will you give individuals? How will you help to support their rights?

What measures do you take to ensure processors comply? How do you safeguard any international transfers?

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Part E: Identify and assess risks:

Describe the source of risk and nature of potential impact on individuals. Include associated compliance and corporate risks as necessary	Likelihood of Harm (Remote, possible or probable)	Severity of Harm (Minimal significant or severe)	Overall risk (Low, medium or high)

Part F: Identify measures to reduce risk.

Risk	Options to reduce or eliminate risk	Effect on risk (eliminated, reduced or accepted)	Residual risk (Low, medium or high)	Measure approved Yes/No

Part G: Sign off and record outcomes

Item	Name/date	Notes
Measures approved by:		Integrate actions back into project plan, with date and responsibility for completion
Residual risks Approved by:		Before accepting any residual high risk, inform the DPO, who will consult the ICO.
DPO advice provided:		DPO should advise on compliance, part F measures and whether processing can proceed
Summary of DPO advice:		
Data Controller Approval		Chief Executive to indicate approval, and any further comments/Advice
Comments:		
Registrar approval		Registrar to indicate approval, and any further comments/advise.
Comments:		

This DPIA will be kept under review by:		The DPO should also review on going compliance with DPIA
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Please return your complete form to the Data Protection officer:

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Appendix C

Type of Document	Statutory Minimum Retention Period	Recommended Period of Retention
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Incorporated Documents		
Certificate of Incorporation and Certificates on Change of Name	N/A	Permanently
Certificate to Commence Business (Public Company)	N/A	Permanently
Memorandum and Articles of Association (original and updated copies)	Permanently	Permanently
Printed copies of resolutions submitted to Companies House	Permanently	Permanently

Statutory Returns, Records and Registers		
Annual Return (copy)	N/A	Permanently
Return of Allotments (copy)	N/A	Permanently
Directors' Service Contracts	6 years after cessation	6 years after cessation
Register of Directors and Secretaries (original)	Permanently	Permanently
Register of Directors' interests in Shares and Debentures	Permanently	Permanently
Register of interests in voting shares	Permanently	Permanently
Register of Charges	Permanently	Permanently
Register of Documents sealed (if applicable)	N/A	Permanently
Unpaid dividend records	N/A	12 years after dividend declared
Dividend and interest mandate forms ceased to be valid	N/A	3 years from when the instruction
Notification of address change by member	N/A	2 years after notification

Share Registration Documents		
Register of Members	N/A	Permanently
Register of Debentures and Loan Stock Holders	N/A	Permanently / 7 years after redemption of stock
Letters and forms applying for Shares, Debentures etc.	N/A	12 years from issue, with a permanent microfilmed record
Renounceable Letter of Allotment and Acceptances	N/A	Originals for 12 years from renunciation, with a permanent microfilmed record
Renounced Share Certificates	N/A	Originals for 12 years from renunciation, with a permanent microfilmed record
Contracts for purchase of own shares by Company	N/A	Period of retention 10 years from date of contract
Share & Stock Transfer forms and Letter of Request with permanent microfilmed record	N/A	12 years after date of transfer
Requests for designating or redesigning accounts with permanent microfilmed record	N/A	12 years after request
Cancelled Share/Stock Certificate	N/A	1 year from date of cancellation
Stop Notice and other Court Orders	N/A	Permanently
Letters of indemnity for lost Certificates	N/A	Permanently
Powers of Attorney	N/A	Permanently
Dividend and interest payment lists	N/A	Until audit of the dividend payment is complete
Paid dividend and interest warrants	N/A	6 years after date of payment

Bank Records		
Cheques, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments	N/A	6 years
Paying-in Counterfoils	N/A	6 years
Statements from and instructions to the bank	N/A	6 years after ceasing to be effective
Public Company	6 years	10 years
Limited Company	3 years	10 years
Annual report and accounts (signed)	N/A	Permanently

Annual report and accounts (unsigned)	N/A	Permanently (keep sufficient copies to meet requests)
Interim report and accounts	N/A	Permanently (keep sufficient copies to meet requests)
Budgets, forecasts and periodic internal financial reports	N/A	5 years
Taxation records and tax returns	Inspection possible up to 6 years after tax/accounting period	Permanently
VAT Records and Customs & Excise Returns	Inspection may be conducted up to 6 years after tax/accounting period	Permanently
Expense Accounts	N/A	7 years

Charity Donation Documents

Deeds of Covenant	6 years after last payment	12 years after last payment
Documents supporting entries in accounts for donations	3 or 6 years	6 years

Contracts

Contracts executed under seal	N/A	12 years after expiry
Contracts with customers, suppliers, agents or others	N/A	6 years after expiry or contract completion
Rental and hire purchase agreements	N/A	6 years after expiry
Licensing agreements	N/A	6 years after expiry
Trust deeds and rules (pension schemes)	N/A	Permanently

Insurance

Public Liability Policies	N/A	Permanently
Product Liability Policies	N/A	Permanently
Employers' Liability Policies	40 years	Permanently
Sundry insurance policies and insurance schedules	N/A	Until claims under policy are barred or 3 years after policy lapses, whichever is longer
Group Health Policies	N/A	12 years after final cessation of benefit
Group Personal Accident Policies claims correspondence N/A 3 years after settlement	N/A	12 years after final cessation of benefit

Health and Safety

Record of consultations with safety representative and committees	N/A	Permanently
Health & Safety Policy Documents (old and revised copies)	Implied permanently by Health & Safety at Work Act (1974 S2(3))	Permanently
Assessment of risks under health and safety regulations (including routine assessment monitoring and maintenance records for aspects in workplace such as air quality, levels of pollution, noise level, use of hazardous substances etc.)	Until revised (Management of Health & safety at Work Regulations 1992 S1 1992/2051)	Permanently (old and current copies)
Accident report book and relevant records/correspondence	3 years from date of entry (Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 S7)	Permanently
Medical records - general	N/A	12 years

Employees Records

Job applications and interview records	N/A	Up to 1 year
Personnel Records	N/A	7 years after employment ceases, with permanent microfilmed record
Senior Executive Records	N/A	Permanently
Training Records	N/A	6 years after employment ceases

Employment Agreements	N/A	Permanently
Payroll and wage records (including details of overtime, bonuses and expenses)	6 years	12 years
Salary Records	N/A	5 years
Time cards and piecework records	N/A	2 years
Details of benefits in kind	6 years	12 years
Income Tax Records (P45/P60/P58/P48 etc.)	6 years	12 years
Annual return of taxable pay and tax paid	6 years	12 years
Labour Agreements	N/A	10 years after ceasing to be effective
Works Council Minutes	N/A	Permanently
Employee records from closed units	Some 6 years	12 years

Material with Copyright Protection

Literary, dramatic and musical works	N/A	Life plus 50 years
Artistic works, recordings, films, photos and broadcasts	N/A	50 years

Pension Scheme Documents (Unapproved Schemes)

Trust deeds and scheme rules	N/A	Permanently
Trustees' minute books	N/A	Permanently
Record of pensioners	N/A	12 years after cessation of benefit
Money purchase details	N/A	6 years after transfer or value taken
Pension scheme investment policies	N/A	12 years after transfer or value taken

Pension Scheme Documents (inland revenue approved and statutory pension schemes)

Pension fund accounts and supporting documents	6 years from date of accounts signed	Permanently
Actuarial valuation reports	6 years from date of report signed	Permanently
Inland revenue approvals	N/A	Permanently
Medical records - Radiation accident assessment	50 years	Permanently
Medical records - Radiation dosage summary	2 years from end of calendar year	Permanently
Under Control of Lead at Work Regulations 1998 (replaced 1980 regulations)	2 years from date of last entry to be effective	Permanently
Under Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 1987	40 years	Permanently
Under Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 1994 (COSHH Regulations)	40 years	Permanently

Intellectual Property Records

Certificates of registration of trade/service marks (current and lapsed)	N/A	Permanently or 6 years after cessation of registration
Documents evidencing assignment of trade/service marks	N/A	6 years after cessation of registration
Intellectual property agreements and licences	N/A	6 years after expiry

Property Documents

Title deeds for property	N/A	Permanently or until sold or transferred
Leases	N/A	12 years after lease and liabilities under the lease have terminated

Safeguarding Records

Child Protection Registers	26 years
Diaries	3 years
Health Records	8 years

Other Documents

Learning Disabilities	10 years after the death of the individual
Out of Hours Records	3 years

Parent-Held Records	Until the Patients 25th Birthday
Board Meeting Reports	30 years
Business Plans	20 years
Commissioning Decisions	6 years from date of appeal decision
Complaints Correspondence	10 years
Health & Safety Documents	3 years
Incident Forms	8 years
Manuals	10 years
Meetings & Minutes	30 years
Minor Paperwork (reminders, advertising etc)	2 years
Quality Assurance Records	12 years
Reports	30 years
Incident Files	30 years
Time Sheets	3 years
Annual Accounts	30 years
Accounts - Minor Records (cash books etc)	2 years
Financial Contracts	15 years
Payments, BACS Payments, Fraud Investigations, Invoices	6 years
Personnel Records	6 years

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