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# **Privacy Notice for external inspectors**

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## Information sheet

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### Impact Assessment

An impact assessment has been carried out and this policy is not deemed to adversely impact on:

- any people on the grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation and the Welsh language
- the delivery of our strategic objectives and contribution to sustainability.

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## **1 Introduction**

Welcome to Estyn's privacy notice for external inspectors. We are committed to protecting the privacy and security of your personal information.

Estyn is the education and training inspectorate for Wales. When carrying out our role as an inspectorate we collect and obtain personal information about individuals, we also collect and obtain personal information about visitors to our website or those who make enquiries with us or contact us for information.

This privacy notice sets out the standards that can be expected from us when we collect and use personal information, along with details of how and when we collect it and how we use it.

It also sets out information about what rights individuals have in relation to their personal information under data protection law and what to do if they have any feedback or a complaint. We also provide details of how they can contact us or the Information Commissioner's Office for more information

## **2 Whom does this privacy notice apply to?**

This Privacy Notice applies to external inspectors engaged by us by contracts or agreements – this includes contracted additional inspectors, peer inspectors, lay inspectors, nominees, challenge advisor inspectors and any other external member of the inspection team. In the sections below, when referring to external inspectors, we use the terms "you" or "your".

## **3 What's our approach to privacy?**

We take your privacy extremely seriously and want you to feel confident that your personal information is safe in our hands.

We will only use your personal information in accordance with data protection law applicable to England and Wales from time to time.

Under data protection law, when we use your personal information, we will be acting as a data controller. Essentially, this means that we will be making decisions about how your personal information is held and used and why.

Below, we summarise the main rules that apply to us under data protection law when we use your personal information:

1. We must be open about how we intend to use your personal information and must use your personal information fairly. Providing privacy information to individuals (such as in this privacy notice) is one of the means by which we do this.

2. We must only use your personal information if we have a legal basis to do so under data protection law. These legal bases include that our use of your personal information is necessary to perform the contract we have entered into with you, for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in us. This is generally because the processing of your personal information by us will be necessary for the exercise of a function conferred on us via statute, this includes (but is not limited to) functions in the Education Act 2005, the Learning and Skills Act 2000, the Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022 and the Children Act 2004, as amended from time to time. We may also use personal information so that we can comply with our statutory obligations. In some situations we may use personal information because it is in our legitimate interests to do so.
3. We must only use certain types of sensitive personal information, also referred to as special category personal information, (such as information relating to your health, racial or ethnic origin or religion) if, in addition to the reasons in paragraph 2 above, we can also satisfy one of the conditions for processing this type of information set out in data protection law. These conditions include that:
  - a. you have given us your explicit consent to use the information
  - b. we need to carry out our legal obligations or exercise rights in connect with your engagement
  - c. the processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest
4. We are only permitted to share your personal information with others in certain circumstances and, if we do, we will take steps to ensure that your personal information will be secure.
5. We must only use your personal information for the specific purposes we have told you about. If we want to use your personal information for other purposes, we need to contact you again to tell you about this.
6. We must not hold more personal information than we need for the purposes we have told you about and must not retain your personal information for longer than is necessary for those purposes (this is known as the “retention period”). We must also dispose of any information that we no longer need securely. Further details can be found in our [Records Retention and Disposal Policy](#).
7. We must ensure that we have appropriate security measures in place to protect your personal information.
8. We must act in accordance with your rights under data protection law.
9. As your personal data is stored on our IT infrastructure, and shared with our data processors, it may be transferred and stored securely outside the UK. Where that is the case it will be subject to equivalent legal protection either by only transferring personal data to a country that has an adequacy decision in place that deems such country as providing an adequate level of protection for personal data or through the use of Standard Contractual Clauses or International Data Transfer Agreements which give transferred personal data the same protection as it has in the UK.

10. It is important that you read this privacy notice together with any other privacy policy or fair processing policy we may provide on specific occasions when we are collecting or processing your personal information so that you are fully aware of how and why we are using your information. This privacy notice supplements other notices and privacy policies and is not intended to override them.

We keep our privacy notice under regular review. This version was last updated on 31 October 2024.

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

#### **4 What personal information do we hold about you and how is this obtained?**

As an external inspector we will ask you to provide us with certain personal information relating to you at the outset of you starting work for us and during your engagement.

Data protection law protects personal information which is essentially any information from which an individual can be identified. There is a type of personal information which receives additional protection because of its sensitive or private nature, this is sometimes referred to as 'special category personal information' and means personal information about an individual's race, ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, trade union membership (or non-membership), genetics information, biometric information (where used to identify an individual) and information concerning an individual's health, sex life or sexual orientation.

This information is collected either directly from yourselves, your employer or from a background check provider. We may sometimes collect additional information from third parties including former/other employers, credit reference agencies or other background check agencies, other employees (directly employed by Estyn or under contract) and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

The information we will collect during your engagement with us may include:

- your name, address and contact details\*
- your date of birth\*
- your gender
- your education and qualifications\*
- your inspection specific role(s) including registration details where applicable\*
- your skills, experience and membership of professional bodies\*
- your Disclosure and Barring Service details\*
- your emergency contact details
- your bank details\*

- your contracted rates and/or fees\*
- Welsh language ability\*
- photographs (for inspectors ID)
- information provided about you from your previous employer(s)
- your employment history
- information collected during the selection process that we retain during your engagement
- details of any preclusions including associations with education providers, other offices or appointments or business interests you hold\*
- any accidents connected with your engagement whilst on Estyn premises
- any Estyn delivered training you have undertaken\*
- any complaints, investigations or other issues relating to your engagement or in relation to which you are able to provide information
- your availability for deployment\*
- your deployment history including evaluations\*
- any other personal information you share with us
- any reasonable adjustment(s) made to your role or your work under the Equality Act 2010
- information about your use of our IT, communication and other systems

Some of the personal data requested will be because of a legal or contractual requirement to obtain and use the information or it is necessary for the information to be provided in order to be able to enter into a contract with you (this information is noted with an \*above). Failure to provide certain information will prevent us from engaging you or from performing the contract entered into with you.

## **5 What purpose will we use your personal information for and what are our legal bases for doing so?**

We use the personal information we hold about you for a number of different purposes, which we list below. Under data protection law we need to have a legal basis for using your personal information, we also set out below the legal bases which we will be relying upon.

We use the personal information we hold about you for the following reasons:

- to prevent fraud
- to comply with health and safety obligations
- to comply with and demonstrate compliance with any regulatory requirements

In these cases, the legal basis that we will be relying upon to process your personal information is to enable us to comply with our legal obligations.

We will also use the personal information we hold about you for the following reasons:

- to comply with and enforce our contract with you and inform you of any changes
- to pay you

- for general contract administration purposes

In each of these cases the legal bases that we will be relying upon to process your personal information will be because it is necessary for the performance of the contract between us and to enable us to comply with legal obligations.

We will also use the personal information we hold about you for the following reasons:

- to deal with any complaints, investigations or issues which may arise relating to you or in respect of which you may be able to provide relevant information
- to record your absences from work and your availability for deployment
- to review and manage your performance and development
- to enable business management and planning, including accounting and auditing
- to monitor compliance with any of our policies and procedures
- to assess suitability for a particular job or task
- to make decisions about your continued engagement
- to monitor your use of our information systems
- to ensure network and information security, including preventing unauthorised access to our computer and electronic communications systems
- to conduct data analytics studies such as to review and better understand retention and attrition rates.

In these cases the legal bases that we will be relying upon to process your personal information will be because it is necessary for the performance of the contract between us, to enable us to comply with legal obligations and because it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in Estyn, as set out in legislation, namely, the Education Act 2005, the Learning and Skills Act 2000 the Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022 and the Children Act 2004, as amended from time to time.

## **6 What special category personal information do we hold about you?**

You may choose to disclose special category personal information to us. We will need to keep certain special category personal information in relation to you necessary for performing or exercising obligations or rights in connection with your engagement. On rare occasions, there may be other reasons for processing, such as it is in the public interest to do so.relevant to your engagement. The special category personal information may include:

- details of any known disability
- commission or alleged commission of any offence, including the results of Disclosure and Barring Service ('DBS') checks



## **7 What purpose we will use your special category personal information for and what are our legal bases for doing so?**

We use the special category personal information we hold about you for a number of different purposes, which we list below. Data protection law prohibits us from processing any special category personal information unless we can satisfy at least one of the conditions laid down by data protection law. We also set out below the specific conditions we rely upon when processing special category data.

We use the special category personal information we hold about you for the following purposes:

- to comply with and demonstrate compliance with best practice and any other applicable laws
- to comply and demonstrate compliance with any regulatory requirements
- to deal with any complaints, investigations or issues which may arise relating to you or others in respect of which you may be able to provide relevant information
- to make any reasonable adjustments to your role

In these cases the legal basis that we will be relying upon to process your personal information will be because it is necessary for the performance of the contract between us.

In cases where a claim has been brought against Estyn or there is a potential risk of a legal dispute or claim we may need to process your special category personal information where it is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims.

We envisage that we may hold some information about criminal convictions.

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 selection and engagement process or we may be notified of such information directly by you in the course of you working for us.

We will only use information relating to criminal convictions where the law allows us to do so. This will usually be where such processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest, namely, preventing or detecting unlawful acts, protecting the public against dishonesty, safeguarding, preventing fraud or suspicion of terrorism or money laundering.

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

## 8 How long do we keep your information for?

To make sure we meet our legal data protection and privacy obligations, we only hold on to your information for as long as we actually need it for the purposes we acquired it in the first place.

In most cases, this means we will keep your information for as long as it is required as detailed in our [Records Retention and Disposal Policy](#).

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.

## 9 Whom do we share your information with?

Your personal data will be held by Estyn. Your personal data will be shared internally with other individuals and/or departments where this is reasonably necessary for the processing purposes set out in section 4 above. For example, Inspectors will have limited access to the profiles of other inspectors involved in inspections to effectively manage the inspection.

From time to time we may need to share your information with external people and organisations including other government departments. We will only do so where we have a legitimate or legal basis for doing so and in compliance with our obligations under data protection laws.

Your information may be disclosed to:

- **establishments we inspect** who will be provided with contact details of relevant Inspectors and other relevant staff to enable them to be contacted on inspection related matters
- **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC)** in connection with your pay and benefits
- **our bank and our BACs bureau** in connection with any payments made to you
- **other people who help us** to run our business, for example IT support or system providers
- **professional bodies and regulators** such as the Education Workforce council, Care Inspectorate Wales, Local Authority safeguarding services
- **our professional advisors** including our auditors and Audit Wales when carrying out internal and external audits
- **the Police, local authorities, the courts** and any other government authority if they ask us to do so (but only if us doing so is lawful)
- **our professional advisors** when they need it to give us their professional advice
- **Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and DBS umbrella company**

- **other people who make a subject access request**, where we are allowed to do so by law
- **complainants**, where this is necessary to respond to any complaints received
- **other people where we are legally obliged to do so**, e.g. to comply with a court order
- **educational establishments or course providers** in relation to any training you undertake or have undertaken
- **your family or representatives**

## 10 How do we keep your personal information secure?

We take various steps to protect your personal information while it is in our possession, including:

- Implementation of appropriate security measures to restrict access to our IT infrastructure both internally and through remote access
- Implementation of internal data security policies and training for members of staff in relation to such policies
- Staff undertake the mandatory civil service Security and Data Protection training on a regular basis
- Regular reminders for members of staff about their responsibilities when processing, accessing or using personal data
- Regular reviews of our data security measures by our IT services provider
- Assurance from our contracted IT services suppliers who may handle your personal data that they have robust systems keeping your data safe
- Confirmation from our IT service providers that data is being collected and processed lawfully and without infringement of an individual's rights and freedoms
- Regular disaster recovery exercises to ensure that we can respond to a cyber-attack or data security incident quickly, effectively and without risk of breaching data protection
- Maintaining Annual Cyber Essentials Plus accreditation to guard against the most common cyber threats
- Implementation of software updates to protect against ransomware and other cyber attacks
- Encryption of portable devices containing any personal data
- Robust access policies on mobile phones to prevent unauthorised access

## 11 What rights do you have under data protection law?

Under data protection law, you have several different rights relating to the use of your personal information. The table below contains a summary of those rights and our obligations. More information about your rights and our obligations can be found on the ICO website <https://ico.org.uk/>.

- 1 **A right to be informed** – Individuals have the right to be informed about the collection and use of their personal data. We must provide individuals with information including: our purposes for processing their personal data, our retention periods for that personal data, and who it will be shared with.
- 2 **A right of access** – This is a right to obtain access to your personal data and various supplementary information. We must provide you with a copy of your personal information and the other supplementary information without undue delay and in any event normally within 1 month of receipt of your request. We cannot charge you for doing so save in specific circumstances (such as where you request further copies of your personal information).
- 3 **A right to have personal data rectified** – This is a right to have your personal information rectified if it is inaccurate or incomplete. We must rectify any inaccurate or incomplete information without undue delay and in any event within 1 month of receipt of your request. If we have disclosed your personal information to others, we must (subject to certain exceptions) contact the recipients to inform them, that your personal information requires rectification.
- 4 **A right to erasure** – This is a right to have your personal information deleted or removed. This right only applies in certain circumstances (such as where we no longer need the personal information for the purposes for which it was collected). We have the right to refuse to delete or remove your personal data in certain circumstances. If this right applies, we must delete or remove your personal information without undue delay and in any event within 1 month of receipt of your request. If we have disclosed your personal information to others, we must (subject to certain exceptions) contact the recipients to inform them that your personal information must be erased.
- 5 **A right to data portability** – This is a right to obtain and re-use your personal information for your own purposes. It includes a right to ask that your personal information is transferred to another organisation (where technically feasible). This right only applies in certain limited circumstances. If this right applies, we must provide your personal information to you in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable form. Again, we must act without undue delay and in any event within 1 month of receipt of your request. We cannot charge you for this service.
- 6 **A right to object** – This is a right to object to the use of your personal information. The right applies in certain specific circumstances only. You can use this right to challenge our use of your personal information based on our legitimate interests or where processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or the exercise of official authority vested in us. You can also use this right to object to use of your personal information for direct marketing. If you object to us using your personal information for direct marketing, we must stop using your personal information in this way as soon as we receive your request. If you object to other uses of your personal information, whether we have to stop using your personal information will depend on the particular circumstances.

- 7 **A right to object to automated decision making** – This is a right not to be subject to a decision which is made solely on the basis of automated processing of your personal information where the decision in question will have a legal impact on you or a similarly significant effect. Where such a decision is made, you must be informed of that fact as soon as reasonably practicable. You then have 21 days from receipt of the notification to request that the decision is reconsidered or that a decision is made that is not based solely on automated processing. Your request must be complied with within 21 days.
- 8 **A right to restrict processing** – This is a right to ‘block’ or suppress processing of your personal information. This right applies in various circumstances, including where you contest the accuracy of your information. If we are required to restrict our processing of your personal information, we will be able to store it but not otherwise use it. We may only retain enough information about you to ensure that the restriction is respected in future. If we have disclosed your personal information to others, we must (subject to certain exceptions) contact them to tell them about the restriction on use.

If you wish to exercise any of your rights, you can make a request by contacting our Data Protection Officer, details can be found below.

If you request the exercise of any of your rights, we are entitled to ask you to provide us with any information that may be necessary to confirm your identity.

For further information please refer to our Access to Information policy.

## 12 Your right to withdraw consent

If you have given us your consent to use any of your personal information, you can withdraw your consent at any time. To do so, please email [enquiries@estyn.gov.wales](mailto:enquiries@estyn.gov.wales) or contact our Data Protection Officer, details can be found below.

## 13 Accuracy

If any of your personal details change during your engagement you should amend your Inspector Profile.

## 14 How you can get in touch with us?

You are welcome to get in touch with us to discuss your information at any time. Our Procurement team would be happy to help.

We have appointed a Data Protection Officer (DPO) to oversee our compliance with data protection law and this privacy notice. Their details are below. If you have any

questions about this privacy notice, how we handle your personal information or if you wish to make a complaint, please contact our DPO.

You can get in touch with us in the following ways:

|                         |   |  |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Postal addresses</b> | Data Protection Officer,<br>Estyn,<br>Anchor Court,<br>Keen Road,<br>Cardiff,<br>CF24 5JW | Procurement,<br>Estyn,<br>Anchor Court,<br>Keen Road,<br>Cardiff,<br>CF24 5JW                    |
| <b>Email addresses</b>  | <a href="mailto:enquiries@estyn.gov.wales">enquiries@estyn.gov.wales</a>                  | <a href="mailto:FinanceandProcurement@estyn.gov.wales">FinanceandProcurement@estyn.gov.wales</a> |
| <b>Phone number</b>     | 029 2044 6446   | 029 2044 6446  |

## 15 Right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office

If we are unable to deal with a complaint to your satisfaction or if you are unhappy with the way we are using your personal data, you also have the right to make a complaint at any time to the UK's supervisory authority for data protection issues, the Information Commissioner's Office.

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
Tel: 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745

Email: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)