

## **Fostering Service – for Foster Carers Privacy Notice**

### **Introduction**

This privacy notice explains how the Council uses your data to recruit and assess foster carers, and make placements for foster children.

### **Who will be using your data?**

Nottinghamshire County Council will be the data controller for the data you provide to us.

We may also contract third party organisations to process your data on our behalf.

### **What personal data do we use?**

- Name and Contact Details
- Age
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- Images
- NHS number
- NI number
- Address
- Social Care ID
- Employment and education information
- Family details
- Housing needs
- Business Activities
- Licences and permits held
- Parent/carer details
- Emergency contacts
- Personal appearance and behaviour
- Lifestyle and social circumstances
- Case file information

### **What types of special category personal data do we need from you?**

- Racial or ethnic origin
- Social care support outcomes
- Physical and mental health details
- Data concerning sex life or sexual orientation
- Religious, philosophical or other beliefs of a similar nature

We also process data about criminal convictions, criminal offences or related security measures.

### **Why do we use your data?**

- For service delivery
- For service planning, training and improvement

### **What legal reasons allow us to use your data in this way?**

Our legal basis for processing your personal data is that it is necessary to perform our public tasks as a local authority.

Our legal basis for processing your special category personal data is that it is necessary for the provision and management of health or social care services and/or necessary to protect the vital interests of the data subject or another person.

Our legal basis for processing data about criminal convictions, criminal offences or related security measures is that it is necessary to perform our public tasks as a local authority.

### **Who may we share your data with or receive it from?**

- Foster for East Midlands (managed by Derby City Council) – see the [Foster for East Midlands privacy notice](#).
- Fostering advice and support organisations
- NHS agencies (GPs, Hospitals)
- Schools & Academies
- Education providers
- Government organisations
- Courts
- Family Members
- Carers and Guardians
- Regulators
- The disclosure and barring service
- Press and media

### **May personal data be transferred overseas?**

The Council may for operational purposes transfer personal data overseas. In these cases, we will ensure that your personal data is protected and there are safeguards for the protection of your rights. Please refer to the [County Council's privacy statement](#) for further details.

### **How long is your data kept for?**

This information is held in accordance with the Council's retention schedule – see [here](#).

### **What will happen if you do not provide or we cannot obtain the data needed?**

- We could not assess your suitability as a foster carer, or place a child in your care.

**Does the service make decisions using fully automated processes?**

No.

**What rights do you have over this use of your data?**

- To be informed about how we use your data
- To access a copy of your data that we process
- To have us rectify or correct your data that we process
- To restrict our processing of your personal data
- To object to the use of your data
- To have your personal data erased
- To request that we transfer your information to you or another organisation
- To object to fully automated decision making
- To withdraw your consent (if it the legal reason why we use your data).

Some of these rights are subject to exceptions. Please refer to the [County Council's privacy statement](#) part 10 for further details.

**Contact the Data Protection Officer:**

If you have any concerns about how the Council is using your data, you can contact the Council's Data Protection Officer by writing to:

[DPO@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:DPO@nottsc.gov.uk)

Or

Data Protection Officer  
Nottinghamshire County Council  
County Hall  
West Bridgford  
Nottingham  
NG2 7QP

Please see the County Council's privacy statement for further information:

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/privacy>

**Contact details of the Information Commissioner's Office:**

If you are unhappy with how your data has been processed by the Council or you feel your data protection rights have been breached, you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office at:

[www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

Or

Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
SK9 5AF

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