

Privacy Notice – Education Scotland

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1 Responsibilities

In line with the [HMG Security Framework](#) requirements for appropriate security governance structure, Education Scotland has both a Senior Information Risk Owner (SIRO) and an Information Asset Owner (IAO). The SIRO role is to ensure information security policies and procedures are fit for purpose and are reviewed and implemented across all of Education Scotland's business functions. These policies and procedures aim to ensure that the requirements of confidentiality, integrity and availability are maintained.

The Information Asset Owner role is to understand what information is held by Education Scotland, what is added and who has access and why – providing assurance to the SIRO and ensuring that the information is fully used within the law for the public good.

All Education Scotland staff and contractors are trained in and are aware of their responsibilities as set out in these policies.

2 Privacy Information

We will apply appropriate protection and management of any personally identifiable information you share with Education Scotland. Any personal information you do provide will be held and processed by Education Scotland in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) and the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

3 Privacy Notice – How We Process Your Personal Information

Any personal information provided to Education Scotland will only be used to discharge our statutory functions and other relevant legislation, maintain our accounts and records and to support and manage our staff. We will only use information for those purposes, but we will share it with others for other purposes where it is legal and justifiable.

At Education Scotland, we manage, maintain and protect all information according to the requirements of the DPA and other legislation. We also adhere to our own information policies and government best practice.

In certain circumstances, we may process your personal information without your consent, and/or we may restrict your access to the information we hold about you. Such circumstances would only arise in relation to our statutory obligations. In these circumstances, there are exemptions from the DPA.

Education Scotland takes your privacy seriously and is committed to responsible handling of personal information in accordance with our Information Charter, which is as follows.

We will:

- make sure you know why we need it.
- ask only for what we need and not to collect too much or irrelevant information.
- protect it and make sure nobody has access to it who should not.
- let you know if we share it with other organisations to give you better public services - and if you can say no.
- make sure we do not keep it longer than necessary.
- Not make your personal information available for commercial use without your permission.

3.1 Why Do We Process Personal Information?

We process personal information to: enable Education Scotland to improve the quality of the country's education system; maintain our accounts and records; and to support and manage our staff.

3.2 Who Do We Process Information About?

We process a range of personal information concerning: Local Authority schools, Independent Schools, Early Years Establishments, Higher and Further Education Establishments, Scottish Education Partners, our employees; suppliers; and service providers.

3.3 Who Do We Share Information With?

We may sometimes share your personal information with other organisations. This includes our suppliers and service providers as well as public sector bodies. We can be ordered to share data by some of these bodies, such as Police Scotland and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service. In other cases, the requirement or permission to share data is specified in legislation.

All sharing occurs only in clearly defined circumstances and within the legislative bounds set by the DPA. Information disclosed will be proportionate, relevant and appropriate for the purpose it is being shared for and will be transferred in a secure manner, making it available to authorised users only.

It may sometimes be necessary to transfer personal information overseas, for example if our IT provider is based out with the UK. Any transfers made will be in full compliance with all aspects of the DPA.

3.4 Information Sharing Principles

The following key principles are applied in respect of all information shared on our internal systems:

- All information sharing must occur within the bounds of the DPA, Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulation (PECR), the UK GDPR and the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), in that it should be proportionate, relevant and appropriate for the purpose it is being shared.
- All sharing must be evidenced, accounted for and recorded.
- All sharing should take place within the bounds of any agreed Data Sharing Agreements.
- Each undertaking of sharing requires a decision to be made – so it is expected that information will not follow the data subject unless completely necessary.
- Confidentiality and respecting a data subject's right to privacy will be the default position in respect of any decision to share information with others.

3.5 Name and Contact Details of the Controller

Education Scotland
Denholm House
Almondvale Business Park
Almondvale Way
Livingston
EH54 6GA

Tel: 0131 244 4330

4 Rights of the Data Subject

Data protection law gives you rights that you may exercise in respect of your own personal information. These rights are summarised below. In order to assert any of these rights, you should contact the Data Protection Officer designated by Education Scotland or another employee at any time.

The right to be informed: Each data subject shall have the right to obtain from the controller the confirmation as to whether or not personal data concerning him or her are being processed.

The right of access: Each data subject shall have the right to obtain from the controller, free information about his or her personal data stored at any time and a copy of this information. Furthermore, the data subject shall have a right to obtain information as to whether personal data are transferred to a third country or to an international organisation. Where this is the case, the data subject shall have the right to be informed of the appropriate safeguards relating to the transfer.

The right to rectification: Each data subject shall have the right granted by the European legislator to obtain from the controller without undue delay the rectification of inaccurate personal data concerning him or her. Taking into account the purposes of the processing, the data subject shall have the right to have incomplete personal data completed, including by means of providing a supplementary statement.

The right to erasure: Each data subject shall have the right to obtain from the controller the erasure of personal data concerning him or her without undue delay, and the controller shall have an obligation to erase personal data without undue delay where one of the statutory grounds applies, as long as the processing is not necessary.

The right to restrict processing: Each data subject shall have the right granted by the European legislator to obtain from the controller restriction of processing where a statutory reason applies.

The right of data portability: Each data subject shall have the right granted by the European legislator, to receive the personal data concerning him or her, which was provided to a controller, in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format.

The right to object: Each data subject shall have the right to object, on grounds relating to his or her particular situation, at any time, to the processing of personal data concerning him or her.

4.1 How to Request Personal Information – Subject Access Requests

The DPA gives you the right to know what information is held about you, and sets out rules to make sure that this information is handled properly.

All requests from members of the public, including Local Authorities and our staff, for access to their personal information held by Education Scotland should be made by sending a completed Subject Access Request form found on the [Education Scotland corporate website](#) to:

Education Scotland
Denholm House
Almondvale Business Park
Almondvale Way
Livingston
EH54 6GA

Alternatively by email, to: SAR@educationscotland.gov.scot

We will action your request without undue delay and at latest within 30 days of receiving the completed form along with proof of ID - original proof of your identity bearing your name i.e. passport, driving license, birth certificate (or certificated copy) or at least 2 official letters such as from a utility company.

You can make a request in writing; however, completion of the form can assist in gathering all necessary information to aid the processing of your request.

Each request will be considered on its own merits. If you have any issues or queries please contact Education Scotland at the above address/email.

5 The Data Protection Officer for Education Scotland

A Data Subject may contact our Data Protection Officer, Craig Clement, Strategic Director for Regional directly with any enquiries relating to Data Protection.

5.1 Contact Details of the Lead Supervisory Authority

Information Commissioner's Office
45 Melville Street
Edinburgh
EH3 7HL

Tel: 0303 123 1115

6 Cookies

Education Scotland websites use cookies. Cookies are text files that are stored in a computer system via an Internet browser. Many websites and servers use cookies. Many cookies contain a cookie ID. A cookie ID is a unique identifier of the cookie. It consists of a character string through which Internet pages and servers can be assigned to the specific Internet browser in which the cookie was stored. This allows visited websites and servers to differentiate the individual browser of the data subject from other Internet browsers that contain other cookies. A specific Internet browser can be recognised and identified using the unique cookie ID. With cookies, Education Scotland can provide the users of this website with more user-friendly services that would not be possible without the cookie setting. Please read our [Cookies Policy](#) for more information.

By means of a cookie, the information on our website can be optimised with the user in mind. Cookies allow Education Scotland to recognise our website users. The purpose of this recognition is to make it easier for users to utilise our website. A website user that uses cookies does not have to enter access data each time the

website is accessed, because this is taken over by the website, and the cookie is thus stored on the user's computer system. The data subject may, at any time, prevent the setting of cookies through our website by means of a corresponding setting of the Internet browser used, and may thus permanently deny the setting of cookies. Furthermore, already set cookies may be deleted at any time via an Internet browser or other software programs. This is possible in all popular Internet browsers. If the data subject deactivates the setting of cookies in the Internet browser used, not all functions of our website may be entirely usable.

6.1 Where do I find information about controlling cookies through my browser?

Internet Explorer - [Link to Microsoft help – How to delete cookie files in Internet Explorer](#)

Chrome - [Link to Chrome help – Manage cookies](#)

Firefox - [Link to Firefox help – Give certain websites the ability to store passwords, set cookies and more](#)

Apple browsers including Safari - [Support for cookies](#)

6.2 Cookies used on the Education Scotland Website

Please read our [Cookies Policy](#) for more information.

7 Other Information We Collect

Log files allow Education Scotland to capture and store information about your visit to our online services such as IP address from which you access Education Scotland websites, the type of browser that you use, date and time of your visit etc. Log files do not contain any personal information or information about which other sites you have visited.

8 Links to Other Websites

This privacy notice does not cover the links within Education Scotland that link to other third party websites. We encourage you to read the privacy statements on the other websites you visit.

9 Legal Basis for the Processing

The legal basis for processing shall be where:

- The data subject has given consent to the processing of his or her personal data for one or more specific purposes;
- Processing is necessary for the performance of a contract to which the data subject is party or in order to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract;
- Processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which

- the controller is subject;
- Processing is necessary in order to protect the vital interests of the data subject or of another natural person;
 - Processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller;
 - Processing is necessary for the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by the controller or by a third party, except where such interests are overridden by the interests or fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subject, which require protection of personal data, in particular where the data subject is a child.

9.1 The Legitimate Interests Pursued by the Controller or by a Third Party

Where the processing of personal data is based on our legitimate interest, it is to carry out our business in favour of the well-being of all our employees and stakeholders.

9.2 Personal Data Retention Periods

The criteria used to determine the retention period of personal data is the respective statutory retention period within the Member State. After the expiration of that period, personal data shall be securely deleted, as long as it is no longer necessary for the fulfilment of the contract, the initiation of a contract or in relation to other legal proceedings.

9.3 Contractual Obligation of the Data Subject to Provide Personal Data and the Possible Consequences of Failure to Provide Such Data

For clarity, the provision of personal data is partly required by law or can also result from contractual provisions. Sometimes it may be necessary to conclude a contract that the data subject provides Education Scotland with personal data, which must subsequently be processed by Education Scotland. The data subject is, for example, obliged to provide Education Scotland with personal data when Education Scotland signs a contract with him or her. The non-provision of the personal data would have the consequence that the contract with the data subject could not be included.

9.4 Data Protection for Employment & Recruitment Procedures

The data controller shall collect and process the personal data of applicants for the processing of the application procedure. The processing may also be carried out electronically. This is the case, in particular, if an applicant submits corresponding application documents by email or by means of a web form on the website to the controller. If the data controller concludes an employment contract with an applicant, the submitted data will be stored for processing the employment relationship in compliance with legal requirements. If the controller concludes no

employment contract with the applicant, the application documents shall be automatically erased six months after notification of the refusal decision, if no other legitimate interests of the controller are opposed to the erasure. Other legitimate interests could be complying with country specific legislation, e.g. the UK Equality Act 2010.

10 General

You may not transfer any of your rights under this privacy notice to any other person. We may transfer our rights under this privacy notice where we reasonably believe your rights will not be affected.

If any court or competent authority finds that any provision of this privacy notice (or part of any provision) is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, that provision or part-provision will, to the extent required, be deemed to be deleted, and the validity and enforceability of the other provisions of this privacy notice will not be affected.

Unless otherwise agreed, no delay, act or omission by a party in exercising any right or remedy will be deemed a waiver of that, or any other, right or remedy.

This notice will be governed by and interpreted according to the law of Scotland. All disputes arising under the notice will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Scottish courts.

11 Changes to This Notice

This notice was last updated in March 2023. We may change this policy by updating this page to reflect changes in the law or our privacy practices. However, we will not use your Personal Data in any new ways without your consent.

12 How to Contact Us

If you want to request information about our privacy policy, you can email Education Scotland on enquiries@educationscotland.gov.scot

An abbreviated version of this policy notice can be found in Appendix A.

Appendix A - Education Scotland's Abbreviated version of the Policy Notice for websites

Education Scotland and GDPR - Our Commitment to Data Privacy

Education Scotland is committed to compliance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation ([UK GDPR](#)). The UK GDPR enforces the standards of GDPR into UK domestic law keeping data protection standards at the same level as before the end of the Brexit transition period.

What Are the Key GDPR Requirements

Education Scotland is committed to helping individuals fulfill their requirements under the GDPR.

The following are a few examples of the key GDPR requirements that apply to both individuals and ourselves:

- Committing to security and privacy measures required under the GDPR.
- Assisting our customers with satisfying their GDPR data security and privacy requirements as described in our full [Education Scotland Privacy Notice](#) notifying regulators of personal data breaches on our systems and promptly communicating any such breaches to our stakeholders and end-users.
- Ensuring when our staff that access and process our users' personal data they are bound to maintain the confidentiality and security of that data.
- Ensuring that all personal data is held to the applicable data management, security and privacy standards required under the GDPR.
- Committing to carrying out data impact assessments and consulting with the Information Commissioner's Office where appropriate.

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