



**WOKINGHAM  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Privacy Notice Adult Social Care - Safer Places**

This notice, in conjunction with Wokingham Borough Councils overarching privacy statement, explains when as a service we collect personal information, what we use your data for, who has access, who we share it with, and what your rights are.

### **Who are we?**

Adult Safeguarding Prevention Service  
People Services,  
Wokingham Borough Council,  
Shute End,  
Wokingham,  
Berkshire,  
RG40 1BN

### **What is the lawful basis for processing the information?**

The lawful basis for processing your information is the consent you have given to join and use the service provided by the Safer Places scheme, and can be withdrawn at any time; this is also in the performance of a public task, and the following legislation:

- Care Act 2014

### **How do we collect information from you?**

Information is collected from you as the service user via online web forms, hard copy documents, e-mail, by telephone or through face-to-face discussion. This information will be collected from either you directly as the data subject, or from a representative acting on your behalf, e.g. a carer. Primarily this will be through the completion of a Safer Places Card application form.

### **What type of information is collected from you?**

The service collects and processes a range of information about you. The information is provided to enable the Safer Places team to carry out its duty and functions, provide you with a service, and continue to make service improvements. We will collect the following information: Surname, Forename, Title, Date of Birth, Address, Postcode, E-mail, Phone number and Emergency contact details. We may also collect financial information from you if there is a cost that you have to pay for replacing a Safer Places card.

You will be informed of any other data we collect, that is not listed above, orally or through email at the time of collection of the data.

### **How do we use the information you have provided?**

All information provided is used by Wokingham Borough Council for the purposes of providing you a Safer Places card. This includes:

- Creating and issuing a Safer Places card
- Notifying you when it's time for renewal, and issuing you with any replacement cards
- Collection of monies owed to us in the event of issuing multiple replacement cards
- Responding to enquiries and other matters

## **Who has access to the information about you?**

Your information is managed by staff employed in the Adult Safeguarding Prevention Service, and the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) team to support with administration. Your information may also be shared with officers from other service areas for assistance with these matters. All personal data is stored securely; we have in place security which are intended to ensure, as far as possible, the security and integrity of all personally identifiable information.

Your data is stored securely on our systems and accessed only by authorised officers of Wokingham Borough Council by using their own Username and Password all created in-line with pre-defined user credentials. Personal data is also held in electronic files on the Councils network drives. These are only accessible through personal logon credentials and access privileges to specific drives.

Unfortunately, the transmission of information via the internet is not completely secure. Although we will do our best to protect your personal data, we cannot guarantee the security of your data transmitted to our sites, any transmission is at your own risk. Once we have received your information, we will use strict procedures and security features to try to prevent unauthorised access, and any exchanges of information carried out once we are in receipt of your data will be done securely.

Any personal data held in paper format is held in lockable filing storage, and accessed only by authorised officers, as is data held on audio or CD/DVD media. Data may be stored in paper form and is always secured in lockable cabinets when not in use. Access to Council sites is also secure requiring a person electronic pass (lanyard) to access staff only areas.

## **Who we may share your information with?**

When contacting the Adult Safeguarding Prevention Service to gain access to our services, your information may be shared with other Council staff to the extent required to provide you with the service you have requested.

To ensure that information is held continued to be held securely and that accuracy is maintained, there will also be instances where our system suppliers will need to access individuals personal information. This will be on a strict need to know basis and all contracts have confidentiality clauses built in.

The Council will not transfer your information to countries outside the European Economic Area (EEA) unless this is necessary, and only to countries which have sufficient safeguards in place to protect information.

Information will be shared internally if required for better performance and efficiency of Council services and the welfare of individuals. Wokingham Borough Council may also share personal information with the police and other local authorities under Article 23 of the General Data Protection Regulations in order to prevent or detect crime.

## **How long do we store your information?**

The duration that the Council will hold information, and what happens at the end of that period, are as described within the Councils corporate retention schedule available on our website: [www.wokingham.gov.uk/council-and-meetings/information-and-data-protection/privacy-statement](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/council-and-meetings/information-and-data-protection/privacy-statement)

## **Does the service utilise automated decision-making?**

The Safer Places scheme does not utilise automated decision-making in its services.