

## Volunteer Privacy Notice

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## **Introduction**

The Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's office collects and processes personal data relating to its volunteers to manage the volunteering relationship. We are committed to being transparent about how we collect and use data and to meeting our data protection obligations. This volunteer privacy notice informs you of how information is obtained, used, and retained.

The Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner is the controller for this information unless this notice specifically states otherwise. Details of our Data Protection Officer can be found in the contact details below.

## **Contact details**

Our registered address is: The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex, Kelvedon Park, London Road, Rivenhall, Witham, Essex, CM8 3HB.

We are registered with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Our registration number is: Z3451171.

If you want to request further information about this privacy notice or exercise any of your rights, you can email our Data Protection Officer at [PFCC@essex.police.uk](mailto:PFCC@essex.police.uk) or you can write to us at the following address:

Kelvedon Park,  
London Road, Rivenhall,  
Witham, Essex  
CM8 3HB

## **1. Data Protection Principles**

- 1.1 We will comply with data protection laws and give particular attention to the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), particularly Article 5, which says that the personal information we hold about you must be:
- Used lawfully, fairly and in a transparent way.
  - Collected only for valid purposes that we have clearly explained to you and not used in any way that is incompatible with those purposes.
  - Relevant to the purposes we have told you about and limited only to those purposes.
  - Accurate and kept up to date.
  - Kept only as long as necessary for the purposes we have told you about.
  - Kept and destroyed securely including ensuring that appropriate technical and security measures are in place to protect your personal data to protect personal data from loss, misuse, unauthorised access and disclosure

## **2. What information does the organisation collect about you?**

Some of the data we collect about you we collect in order to meet our statutory legal obligations. You have the right to request further information if you are unsure why we are collecting specific information. You will find our<sub>2</sub> contact details in section 8 of this Policy.

2.1 We collect and process a range of personal and sensitive (special category) information about you. This can include:

- your name, address and contact details, including email address and telephone number, date of birth and gender;
- a copy of your passport or similar photographic identification and / or proof of address documents;
- a signed copy of your volunteer agreement or memorandum of understanding;
- details of your relevant qualifications, skills, experience and employment / volunteering history. We will also keep records of any training that you undertake as a volunteer with the Commissioner's office;
- details of your bank account including account name, sort code and account number;
- information about your next of kin and emergency contacts;
- details of your availability to carry out the role;
- information about your nationality and entitlement to volunteer in the UK;
- details of any complaints in which you have been involved (whether as a party or a witness), including any warnings issued to you and related correspondence;
- notes from any supervision meetings, group meetings or one to one discussion relating to your volunteering role or other personal information which you have provided which may be relevant to your volunteering role or well-being;
- information about relevant medical or health conditions, including Occupational Health referrals and reports, medical screening; risk assessments; health management questionnaires, and details of whether or not you have declared a disability for which we need to make reasonable adjustments. Medical screening data is held by the shared Essex and Kent Police Occupational Health and Welfare department;
- signed records of any equipment that you hold which is property of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's office, or Essex Police;
- details of expenses or other payments claimed;
- information obtained from the monitoring of standards relating to the acceptable use of IT and entry to and exit from our premises;
- information about any accident whilst carrying out your volunteering role including accident reports, liability claims, records relating to the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) and the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSH) Regulations;
- equal opportunities monitoring information, including information about your ethnic origin, sexual orientation, health and religion or belief.
- repetition
- information about you and any criminal record, which may also include details of family members (not just next of kin and dependents) for vetting purposes;

- 2.2 We collect this information in a variety of ways. For example, data is collected through application forms; obtained from your passport or other identity documents such as your driving licence; from forms completed by you at the start of or during your volunteering role; from correspondence with you; or through interviews, meetings or other assessments.
- 2.3 In some cases, we collect personal data about you from third parties, such as references supplied by referees you have given, information from employment background check providers, and information from criminal records checks permitted by law.
- 2.4 Data is stored in a range of different places, including in your volunteer file, and in other IT systems (including the Essex Police email system from which we operate).

### **3. Why does the organisation process personal data?**

- 3.1 We need to process your data to work to a volunteering agreement such as to arrange your volunteering hours or to pay you expenses in line with our volunteer policy.
- 3.2 In some cases, we need to process your data to ensure that we are complying with our legal obligations. For example, we are required to check a volunteer's entitlement to live and work in the UK and to comply with health and safety laws. It is also necessary to carry out criminal records checks and vetting to the requisite level to ensure that individuals are permitted to undertake the role in question.
- 3.3 In other cases, we have a legitimate interest in processing personal data before, during and after the end of the volunteering relationship. Processing volunteer data allows us to:
- maintain accurate and up-to-date records and contact details (including details of who to contact in the event of an emergency);
  - obtain occupational health advice, to ensure compliance with duties in relation to individuals with disabilities; to meet our obligations under health and safety law, and to ensure that volunteers are receiving the expenses or other benefits to which they are entitled, and to ensure acceptable conduct;
  - assess compliance with corporate policies and procedures and ensure the security of premises, IT systems and employees;
  - ensure effective general business administration to enable access to Police equipment, IT and expenses;
  - conduct engagement surveys;
  - provide references on request for current or former volunteers;
  - deal with any volunteer related disputes, including responding to and defending against legal claims, and
  - maintain and promote equality, diversity and inclusion.
- 3.4 Where we process other special categories of personal data, such as information about ethnic origin, sexual orientation, health or religion or belief, this is done for the purposes of equal opportunities monitoring as permitted by the Data Protection Act 2018. You can ask us to stop processing this data at any time.
- 3.5 When appropriate, we will provide a "just in time" notice to cover any additional processing activities not mentioned elsewhere in this document.

#### **4. The legal basis for processing**

- 4.1 We will only use your personal information when the law allows us to. We process your personal information for the above purposes relying on one or more of the following lawful grounds:
- 4.2 Where we need to perform the contract we have entered into with you, or in order to take any pre-contract steps at your request and/or to perform our contractual obligations to you;
- 4.3 Where it is necessary for us to comply with a legal obligation;
- 4.4 Where you have freely provided your specific, informed and unambiguous consent, particularly for your initial application for a volunteering role;
- 4.5 Where it is necessary for our legitimate interests (or those of a third party) and your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests. In broad terms our legitimate interest is fulfilling the core purpose of the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex. Web site link: <https://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk/>

We may also use your personal information in exceptional situations:

- 4.6 Where we need to protect your interests (or someone else's interests), such as in a medical emergency.
- 4.7 Where it is needed in the public interest.
- 4.8 Volunteering is a role carried out in the public interest. The PFCC must process your data to support and manage this role. The PFCC must process your health data:
  - for public health reasons, such as keeping members of the public and other volunteers safe, and
  - to fulfil its duty of care for volunteers under Section 3 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974

#### **5. Who has access to data?**

- 5.1 Your information will be shared internally, including with members of Essex and Kent Police shared support service, managers in the business area in which you volunteer and IT staff if access to the data is necessary for performance of their roles.
- 5.2 We share your data with third parties in order to obtain references from other organisations where relevant, to obtain background checks from third-party providers and to obtain necessary criminal records checks from Essex Police Vetting Department. In those circumstances the data will be subject to confidentiality arrangements.
- 5.3 If we consider that you are a risk to others, we may share misconduct or discipline records with a new employer or organisation you have applied to for a volunteering role, the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), other police forces or government agencies.
- 5.4 We will also disclose your personal data to other bodies and individuals when required to do so by or under any act of legislation, by any rule of law, or under any court order.
- 5.5 We also share your data with third parties, such as the shared Essex and Kent Police support services that process data on our behalf in connection with payroll and the provision of occupational health services.
- 5.6 We will not transfer your data to countries outside the European Economic Area.

- 5.7 We will always record our reasons for sharing and who we have shared your personal data with. You can lodge an objection to this by contacting the Data Protection Officer, whose contact details are provided above

## **6. How do we protect data?**

- 6.1 We will ensure that the personal data we collect about you is kept to the minimum that is necessary for the processing purpose.
- 6.2 We take the security of your data seriously. We have internal policies and controls in place to safeguard against your data being lost, accidentally destroyed, misused or disclosed, or accessed except by employees in the performance of their duties.
- 6.3 Information held by Kent and Essex Police must demonstrate compliance with the standards set by the National Policing Information Risk Management Team (NPIRMT), the National Police Chiefs Council's (NPCC's) Community Security Policy (CSP) and relevant parts of the ISO2700I Information Security Standard, regardless of where it comes from. Electronic and digital security of systems which use or manage police information adhere to the Kent and Essex Police Baseline Security Requirement.
- 6.4 Technical safeguards are enforced within the IT infrastructure through tools and techniques including firewalls, data encryption, end point detection and response solutions, protective monitoring, segregation of data and role based authorised system access. Physical access controls ensure authorised and appropriate access to buildings and files.
- 6.5 We may use anonymised or pseudonymised data for statistical or research purposes. When using anonymised data, all identifying characteristics such as your name and age will be taken out. When using pseudonymised data, all such identifying characteristics will be taken out and an identifying number used instead.
- 6.6 Where we engage third parties to process personal data on our behalf, such as the Kent and Essex Police shared support services, they do so on the basis of written instructions, are under a duty of confidentiality and are obliged to implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the security of data. These requirements are set out in a data processor agreement.

## **7. For how long do we keep data?**

- 7.1 We will hold your personal data in accordance with records retention and disposal policies. Please contact the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Office should you wish to view these policies.

## **8. Your rights**

- 8.1 As a data subject, you have a number of rights:
- **The right to be informed** – You have the right to be informed about the collection and use of your personal data. You must be informed of the purpose for processing your personal data; retention periods for that data and who it will be shared with. This information must be provided at the time at which personal data is collected. This Volunteer Privacy Notice is one of the key means through which the PFCC ensures this right is complied with. Further details can be found under articles 13 and 14 of the GDPR.

- **The right of access** – You have the right to request access to and obtain a copy of your personal data (also known as a subject access request).

If you make a formal request for your information (Subject Access Request), we will respond to acknowledge your request and may require you to prove your identity to us. We may also ask you for information about any specific information you are seeking to help us make sure we meet your request fully and speed up the process. If you agree, we will try to deal with your request informally, for example by providing you with the specific information you need over the telephone.

We will provide you with the information that you are entitled to as soon as possible and without unreasonable delay and at the latest within one month of your identity being verified by us. In exceptional cases we may extend the period of compliance by a further two months if the request(s) are complex or numerous. If this is the case, we will inform you as soon as possible and always within one month of the receipt of the request and explain why the extension is necessary. In most circumstances there will be no charge for this right of this access.

- **The right to rectification** – You have the right to apply to us to change incorrect data or to complete incomplete data. Your data can be corrected when we have recorded any of your personal data incorrectly; your details have changed; we were provided with incorrect data from someone or somewhere else, or we have recorded information against your name that refers to someone else. Your data cannot be changed when an investigation is live and any corrections will compromise this; where it relates to a malicious or false allegation; if an individual has said something about you that you disagree with, or you have deliberately provided false details. Further information on this right can be found under section 46 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and under Article 16 of the GDPR;
- **The right to erasure** (“the right to be forgotten”) – You have the right to request that your personal data is deleted. Further details can be found under section 47 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and under article 17 of the GDPR;
- **The right to restriction** – You have the right to request restriction or suppression of your personal data. When processing is restricted, personal data is stored but cannot be used. Further details about this right can be found under section 47 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and under article 18 of the GDPR;
- **The right to data portability** – You have the right to request and reuse the personal data you provide to us for your own purposes across different services. This will allow data to be moved, copied or transferred from one IT environment to another in a safe and secure way without affecting its usability. Data will be provided in a format that is structured, commonly used and machine readable. Further information about this right can be found under Article 20 of the GDPR;
- **The right to object** to the processing of your data in certain circumstances set out in article 21 of the GDPR;
- **The right to apply not to be subject to automated decision making**, based on automated processing, if it produces an adverse legal effect or otherwise significantly affects you. Further information about this right can be found under section 49 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and article 22 of the GDPR.

Data Profiling means any form of automated processing of personal data to evaluate certain personal aspects relating to you. Automated decision-making is the process of making a decision by automated means without any human involvement.

We may do this by collecting and analysing data on a large scale, using algorithms or machine learning. This helps us to predict behaviour and preferences. This then enables us to make informed decisions about the services we currently provide to you or may provide in the future.

Any use of these processes will be done only in a targeted and reasonable way where we can illustrate a clear benefit to you through the outcomes but it is your right to apply not to be subjected to this process.

- 8.2 The rights of data subjects under the GDPR above are not absolute, and in certain situations requests cannot be granted. For example, the right to restrict data processing does not apply when data is processed for the purposes of the prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences. The same applies to the processing of personal data in the prevention of threats to public security.
- 8.3 If you would like to exercise any of these rights, remove your consent for processing or make a complaint, please contact the Data Protection Officer (DPO at Kelvedon Park, London Road, Rivenhall, Witham, Essex, CM8 3HB or by emailing [PFCC@essex.police.uk](mailto:PFCC@essex.police.uk)
- 8.4 You can make a subject access request by completing a form which can be accessed on our website. There is no legislative requirement to complete the form but doing so will ensure that we have all the details needed to fulfil your request, including the required identification validation. This will help to ensure that your request is dealt with as quickly as possible.
- 8.5 If after contacting the DPO, you believe that we have not complied with your data protection rights, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or by calling 0303 123 1113.

## **9. What if you do not provide personal data?**

- 9.1 Certain information, such as contact details, your right to work in the UK, and payment details, have to be provided to enable us to enter a volunteer agreement with you.

## **10. Changes to this notice**

- 10.1 This privacy notice may be updated from time to time, so you may wish to check it each time you submit information to us. The date of the most recent revisions will appear on this page. We may notify supporters of any major changes by placing a notice on the website or by contacting you directly.

## **11. Related policies and procedures**

- 11.1 This Volunteer Privacy Notice should be read in conjunction with:

The PFCC's global privacy notice (available to view at <https://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk/contact-us/privacy-notice/>)  
The Disposal and Retention Schedule for Essex Police Records  
The PFCC's Data Protection Policy  
The PFCC's Access to Information Policy