

# **GATESHEAD & SOUTH TYNESIDE LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE PRIVACY POLICY - REPRESENTED PRACTITIONERS**

**GATESHEAD & SOUTH TYNESIDE LMC** is committed to protecting and respecting your privacy. This policy sets out the basis on which we hold and use any personal data provided to us in connection with our support and representation of General Practitioners.

This policy applies to:

- the General Practitioners [practice managers and staff] and trainees that we support and represent ("**Represented Practitioners**"); and
- individuals whose personal data we receive in connection with our support and representation of Represented Practitioners ("**Non-Constituents**").

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Please read the following carefully to understand how we will treat your personal data.

## **1 ABOUT US**

- 1.1 Gateshead & South Tyneside Local Medical Committee, whose principal place of business is at 9 The Gardens, Axwell Park, Blaydon, NE21 5PJ, is the data controller responsible for deciding how the personal data described below is held and used.

## **2 WHAT INFORMATION WE COLLECT AND HOW WE WILL USE IT**

- 2.1 We collect personal data in order to advise and support Represented Practitioners and their practices. The information we collect depends on the context and nature of your interactions with us. It also depends on the choices that individuals make. For example, where data processing is based upon consent or dependent upon the provision of certain information and consent is withdrawn or information not provided, then we may be unable to undertake particular activities. We will only use personal data where we have a valid lawful basis to do so. We summarise below what information we collect, how we use it and what our legal basis is for using it.
- 2.2 We have a duty to process personal data fairly, lawfully and in a manner that you would expect given the nature of our relationship with you. Where we have a legal basis to use your personal data without consent (as set out below), this policy fulfils that duty by giving you appropriate notice and explanation of the way in which your personal data will be used.

### **2.3 If you are a Represented Practitioner**

- 2.3.1 Interacting with you and representing your views

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- (a) We collect and use personal data about you in order to:
- administer your membership (if applicable);
  - provide you with advice, support and training;
  - seek and represent your views;
  - keep you informed about the LMCs activities and other information which we consider may be of interest or use to you;
  - provide pastoral care; and
  - administer the LMC's elections
- (b) We **may** collect and use the following personal data about you:
- name;
  - contact details;
  - job title, employment status and practice details;
  - professional interests;
  - age and date of birth;
  - gender;
  - nationality;
  - National Insurance number;
  - bank/payment details;
  - ethnicity;
  - medical information;
  - BMA membership and GMC registration information;
  - voting details;
  - training records; and
  - further information that you provide to us in correspondence and records of our contacts and correspondence with you.
- (c) We obtain the above personal data directly from you and/or your practice, from public domain sources and from third parties (such as other NHS bodies).
- (d) Our lawful basis for processing the above personal data is that its processing is necessary in connection with the legitimate interests of the LMC as a body that advises, supports and represents practitioners and their practice staff. We undertake some processing that is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest (including assisting Clinical Commissioning Groups with their consultations) or in order for the LMC to carry out its legal obligations (including the determination and apportionment of administrative expenses and the provision of medical reports to NHS England).
- (e) We retain personal data relating to your membership whilst you are on the Performers List (or in training within the LMC area) and for two years thereafter unless there is a legitimate reason to retain some or all of it longer, such as in connection with a fitness to practice investigation or complaint or for archiving purposes.
- (f) We generally retain:
- Minutes of LMC meetings for a period of six years following the meeting;
  - Records of elections for a period of six years following the election; and

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- Records of financial transactions for a period of six years following the transaction (or, if later, the end of the contract to which the transaction relates).

2.3.2 Supporting you in relation to fitness to practice investigations

- (a) In addition to the categories of data and details of processing described above, we may hold and process medical information and testimonials about you and allegations against you in relation to fitness to practice investigations.
- (b) Our lawful basis for processing the above personal data is that its processing is necessary in connection with the legitimate interests of the LMC as a body that advises, supports and represents practitioners.
- (c) We retain records relating to fitness practice investigations for a period of six years from the end of the investigation or (as applicable) date of the last hearing.

2.3.3 Supporting you in relation to complaints

- (a) The same categories of data and details of processing apply to supporting you in relation to complaints as apply to fitness to practice investigations.
- (b) Our lawful basis for processing the above personal data is that its processing is necessary in connection with the legitimate interests of the LMC as a body that advises, supports and represents practitioners.
- (c) We retain records relating to complaints for a period of six years from the end of the conclusion of the complaints process (including the exhaustion of all possible legal proceedings).

2.3.4 Special category personal data

- (a) Where the personal data described above includes the special category personal data of Represented Practitioners:
  - we may hold and process such special category data in connection with our legitimate activities provided that the special category personal data is not disclosed outside the LMC without your consent;
  - we may hold and process such special category data to the extent necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims or in order to comply with legal obligations; and
  - in some cases, such as where the LMC is sent unsolicited information or in other unforeseen circumstances, there may be public interest grounds to hold and process special category personal data.

2.3.5 Processing requiring consent

- (a) We will not share your information for marketing purposes or disclose your personal data outside the LMC unless we have your consent.

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- (b) Even where consent to sharing personal data is not required, we would ask you to inform us of any instances where you would prefer that any of your personal data is not shared.

## **2.4 If you are a Non-Constituent**

### 2.4.1 Anonymised information

- (a) Where practicable, we encourage the provision of anonymised information. Anonymised information does not engage any rights under data protection and privacy laws, hence falls outside the scope of this policy.

### 2.4.2 Personal data

- (a) We may receive information relating to an identified or identifiable Non-Constituent in relation to our advising, support and representation of Represented Practitioners or their staff. This information may be provided to us by the individual data subject, by the Represented Practitioner or by a third party.
- (b) Such Non-Member personal data is handled in confidence and is used only for the purpose of advising, supporting and representing Represented Practitioners or their staff.
- (c) Our lawful basis for using such Non-Constituent personal data is that its processing is either necessary in connection with the legitimate interests of the LMC as a body that advises, supports and represents General Practitioners and their staff or necessary for the performance of a task earned out in the public interest.
- (d) Such Non-Constituent personal data is retained for as long as necessary in connection with our advising, support and representation of the relevant Represented Practitioner(s) and then destroyed.

## 1. Special category personal data

- (a) We will usually only receive special category personal data of Non-Constituents (e.g. data concerning health) in connection with fitness to practice investigations and complaints. In such cases, we may hold and process such data to the extent necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims.
- (b) In some cases, such as where the LMC is sent unsolicited information or in other unforeseen circumstances, there may be public interest grounds for us to hold and process the special category personal data of Non-Constituents.

## **3 CHANGE OF PURPOSE**

- 1. We may only use your personal data for the purpose for which we collected it and any purposes that are compatible with that original purpose. Please note that we may process personal data without the data subject's knowledge or consent where this is required or permitted by law.

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**4. SHARING YOUR INFORMATION**

- 4.1 We may share your personal data (with your consent or under the lawful bases and special category conditions outlined above) as appropriate with the third parties involved in the activities set out above, for example: legal advisors, parties identified as being involved in issues with which we are assisting Represented Practitioners, regulators and other bodies with oversight of fitness to practice and complaints.
- 4.2 We may also need to share personal data with a regulator or otherwise to comply with the law.
- 4.3 We may share anonymised information with third parties. Such information does not engage any rights under data protection and privacy laws, hence falls outside the scope of this policy
- 4.4 We require all outside service providers to take appropriate and stringent security measures to protect your personal data in line with our policies. We do not allow our third party service providers to use that personal data for their own purposes and we only permit them to process personal data for specified purposes in accordance with our instructions.
- 4.5 We currently use the following service providers:
- (a) Azets Holdings Limited – accounting/payroll services

**5. STORING PERSONAL DATA**

- 5.1 The LMC is based and processes your personal data within the United Kingdom.
- 5.2 The personal data that we hold is stored within the United Kingdom
- 5.3 We will only retain personal data for as long as is necessary in order to fulfil the purposes for which it was collected, including for the purposes of satisfying any legal, accounting or reporting obligations. In particular, any personal data linked to a possible legal claim may be retained for a period of six years.

**6. KEEPING YOUR INFORMATION SECURE**

- 6.1 All information that you provide to us is stored on secure servers. We have put in place appropriate measures to protect the security of your information.
- 6.2 The transmission of information via the internet is not completely secure. Although we take appropriate measures to protect your personal data, we cannot guarantee the security of the information transmitted over the internet or to our website and any transmission is at the sender's own risk.
- 6.3 You are responsible for keeping confidential any passwords that you have to access our services. Please do not share your password(s) with anyone else. If you lose control of your password, you may lose control over your personal data. If your password has been compromised for any reason, please let us know immediately by contacting us at: [contact@g-stlmc.co.uk](mailto:contact@g-stlmc.co.uk).

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## **7. YOUR RIGHTS**

7.1 Subject to certain conditions, you have the right under data protection laws to:

- (a) request access to your personal data (commonly known as a "data subject access request"). This enables you to receive a copy of the personal data we hold about you and to check that we are lawfully processing it. This right is subject to a number of exemptions which allow information to be withheld in certain circumstances. For example, subject access rights are excluded where compliance would involve disclosing: information relating to another individual; data which consists of information which is subject to legal professional privilege; negotiations or confidential references;
- (b) request correction or erasure of your personal data unless we have the legal right to retain it. You also have the right to ask us to delete or remove your personal data where you have exercised your right to object to processing (see below);
- (c) object to processing of your personal data where we are relying on a legitimate interest (or those of a third party) and there is something about your particular situation which makes you want to object to processing on this ground. You also have the right to object where we are processing your personal data for direct marketing purposes; and
- (d) request the restriction of processing of your personal data. This enables you to ask us to suspend the processing of personal data about you, for example if you want us to establish its accuracy or the reason for processing it.

7.2 If you want to exercise any of the above rights, please contact us at [contact@g-stlmc.co.uk](mailto:contact@g-stlmc.co.uk)

7.3 You will not usually have to pay a fee to access your personal data (or to exercise any of the other rights). However, we may charge a reasonable fee if your request for access is manifestly unfounded or excessive. Alternatively, we may refuse to comply with the request in such circumstances.

7.4 We may need to request specific information from you to help us confirm your identity and ensure your right to access the information (or to exercise any of your other rights). This is another appropriate security measure to ensure that personal data are not disclosed to any person who has no right to receive it.

7.5 In the limited circumstances where we are relying on your consent as the legal basis to process your personal data for a particular purpose, you have the right to withdraw your consent for that specific processing at any time. To withdraw your consent, please contact us at [contact@g-stlmc.co.uk](mailto:contact@g-stlmc.co.uk). Once we know that you have withdrawn your consent, we will no longer process your information for the purpose or purposes you originally agreed to, unless we have another legitimate basis for doing so in law.

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**8 CHANGES TO THIS PRIVACY POLICY**

We keep our privacy policy under review and will post any updates on our webpage. This privacy policy was last updated in August 2018.

**9 HOW TO CONTACT US AND COMPLAINTS**

- 9.1 The LMC is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office under registration number Z5188540.
- 9.2 If you have any questions about this privacy policy or how we handle your personal data please contact us at [contact@g-stlmc.co.uk](mailto:contact@g-stlmc.co.uk), 9 The Gardens, Axwell Park, Blaydon, NE21 5PJ, 0191-414 8962.
- 9.3 If for any reason you are not happy with the way that we have handled your personal data, please contact us at [contact@g-stlmc.co.uk](mailto:contact@g-stlmc.co.uk), 9 The Gardens, Axwell Park, Blaydon, NE21 5PJ, 0191-414 8962. If you are still not happy, you have the right to make a make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office see: <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>.