



SOUTH MOLTON
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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Data Protection Policy

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DATA PROTECTION POLICY

Introduction

1. South Molton Community College issues this policy to meet the requirements incumbent upon them under The GDPR and The Data Protection Act 2018 for the handling of personal data in the role of controller. If appropriate it can also be used for the control and release of data under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Scope

2. This policy applies to all employees of South Molton Community College including contract, agency and temporary staff, volunteers and employees of partner organisations working for South Molton Community College.

Legal Principles

6. In execution of this policy South Molton Community College will comply with the data protection principles of the GDPR specified in Article 5. These are that personal data be;

- a) processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals;
- b) collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes; further processing for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes shall not be considered to be incompatible with the initial purposes;
- c) adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed;
- d) accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date; every reasonable step must be taken to ensure that personal data that are inaccurate, having regard to the purposes for which they are processed, are erased or rectified without delay;
- e) kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the personal data are processed; personal data may be stored for longer periods insofar as the personal data will be processed solely for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes subject to implementation of the appropriate technical and organisational measures required by the GDPR in order to safeguard the rights and freedoms of individuals;

- f) processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data, including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational measures.

7. South Molton Community College will adopt the appropriate technological and organisational measures to ensure compliance with the Data Protection Principles by carrying out the necessary procedures. The concept of data protection by design will be a guiding principle in achieving the security of individual's data protection rights.

8. In all aspects of our work we will ensure that the rights of the data subject are protected by all practicable measures associated with the conduct of our work. The rights of the data subject as defined in Chapter iii of the GDPR are;

- a) The Right to be informed in a clear, concise and transparent manner
- b) The Right of access
- c) The Right to rectification
- d) The Right to erasure
- e) The Right to restrict processing
- f) The Right to data portability
- g) The Right to object
- h) Rights related to automated decision making

Response Times in the Application of Legislation

9. In applying these regulations South Molton Community College is obliged to adhere to the following schedules;
- a) Subject Access Requests (SARs) whereby an individual may request information held by South Molton Community College about themselves or a nominated individual on their behalf must be responded to within 1 month,
 - b) Where the above is found to be complex or numerous an extension may be granted allowing an additional 2 months however the subject must be informed within 1 month of their request,
 - c) No fee shall be charged for the above except where it is found to be excessive, repetitive or manifestly unfounded in accordance with article 12 of the GDPR,

IF APPROPRIATE

- d) Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIAs) whereby an individual may request information held by the council but may not contain information relating to individuals, subject to certain exceptions, must be responded to as soon as possible within 20 working days,
- e) No fee shall normally be charged for the above. However in exceptional circumstances a fee may be charged,
- f) Environmental Information Regulation requests (EIR) must be responded to as soon as possible but within 20 working days,
- g) No fee shall be charged for the above.

Rights of the Data Subject

11. Where consent has been sought as the justification on processing adequate measures must be in place to record consent and an appropriate method of removing the individual's personal data should consent be revoked must be adopted. In the vast majority of data processing activities a statutory power will be the reason for data processing.

12. Except where a statutory exemption applies or is in the public interest regarding health an individual who wishes to exercise their right to erasure shall have their personal data removed from all areas where applicable.

13. An individual when making a SAR is entitled to the following;

- a) confirmation that their data is being processed;
- b) access to their personal data;
- c) other supplementary information – this largely corresponds to the information that should be provided in a privacy notice.

Data Protection by Design

14. It is a statutory requirement that any activity involving a high risk to the data protection rights of the individual when processing personal data be assessed by the Data Protection Impact Assessment. Prior to the assumption of any such activity i-west must be consulted and an initial screening be conducted assessing risk.

15. Any activity involving the processing of personal data must be registered on the Register of Processing Activity and reviewed at the very least annually.

Data Retention

16. Except where a specified retention period has been defined in accordance with the purpose of the activity any period of retention is defined by South Molton Community College record retention schedule.

Complaints

17. Where an individual makes a complaint relating to the processing of their personal data or is unhappy with any response to an SAR, FOI or EIR (if appropriate) request they may request an internal review (IR) be conducted. Requests for an IR should be within 40 days of the original response. The responsibility for the conduct of an IR is with Trust/Academy/School who will discuss with the appointed DPO i-west. The Trust/Academy/School contact is:

Business Manager
management@smcc.devon.sch.uk

18. If an individual is unhappy with the outcome of the IR they have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for assessment, the ICO is contactable at;

Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

Security Incidents

19. Wherever it is believed that a security incident has occurred or a 'near miss' has occurred, i-west must be informed immediately and the Security Incident Management (SIM) process must be carried out. The SIM is designed to manage, investigate, report and provide 'Learning from Experience' (LFE) to avoid future incidents occurring.

20. In any case an incident must be reported no later than 24hours from identification, except where a malicious incident has occurred. The learning culture within the organisation seeks the avoidance of a blame culture and is key to allowing individuals the confidence to report genuine mistakes.

Monitoring and Discipline

21. Should it be found that this policy has not been complied with, or if an intentional breach of the policy has taken place, the organisation, in consultation with senior management, shall have full authority to take the immediate steps considered necessary, including disciplinary action.

Review this ITEM upon;
Change of Data Protection Officer,
Change of Legislation

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact:
Our designated Data Protection Officer (DPO) is: i-west
E-mail: i-west@bathnes.gov.uk

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