**Internal Privacy Policy**

1. **What is the purpose of this document?**

[INSERT] respects your privacy and is committed to protecting your personal data.

“We” are [INSERT] (company number [INSERT]) and our registered office is at [INSERT]. We are the data controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act 2018, the UK General Data Protection Regulation (**UK GDPR**) and any other data protection legislation applicable in the UK from time to time.

This privacy policy describes how we collect and use personal information about you during and after your working (or volunteering) relationship with us, in accordance with the UK GDPR. It applies to all employees, workers, contractors and volunteers and does not form part of any contract of employment or other contract to provide services. We may update this policy at any time but if we do so, we will provide you with an updated copy of this policy as soon as reasonably practical.

It is important that you read and retain this policy, together with any other privacy policy we may provide on specific occasions when we are collecting or processing personal information about you, so that you are aware of how and why we are using such information and what your rights are under data protection legislation.

***Data protection principles***

We will endeavour to comply with data protection laws at all times. These laws say 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 securely.

1. **The kind of information we hold about you**

Personal data, or personal information, means any information about an individual from which that person can be identified. It does not include data where the identity has been removed (anonymous data). There are certain types of more sensitive personal data which require a higher level of protection, such as information about a person’s health or sexual orientation. Information about criminal convictions also warrants this higher level of protection.

We will collect, store, and use, some or all of the following categories of personal information about you:

* Information about your identity, such as your full name, title and date of birth, gender, marital status, and national insurance details.
* Personal contact details such as name, title, addresses, telephone numbers, and personal email addresses.
* Next of kin and emergency contact information.
* Bank account details, payroll records and tax status information.
* Salary, annual leave, pension and benefits information.
* Start date and, if different, the date of your continuous employment.
* Leaving date and your reason for leaving.
* Location of employment or workplace.
* Recruitment information (including copies of right to work documentation, references and other information included in a CV or cover letter or as part of the application process).
* Employment records (including job titles, work history, working hours, holidays, training records and professional memberships).
* Performance information.
* Disciplinary and grievance information.
* Photographs and videos of you.
* Results of any background checks we carry out on you.
* [INSERT].

We may also collect, store and use the following more sensitive types of personal information:

* Information about your race or ethnicity, religious beliefs, sexual orientation and political opinions.
* Information about your health, including any medical condition, health and sickness records.
* Genetic information and biometric data.
* Information about criminal convictions and offences.
* [INSERT].

1. **How is your personal information collected?**

We collect personal information about employees, workers, contractors, volunteers through the application and recruitment process, either directly from such candidates or sometimes from third parties and internet search engines. We may sometimes collect additional information from third parties including former employers, credit reference agencies or other background check agencies

We will collect additional personal information in the course of work-related activities throughout the period of you working for us.

1. **How we will use information about you**

We will only use your personal information when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we will use your personal information in the following circumstances:

* Where we need to perform the contract we have entered into with you.
* Where we need to comply with a legal obligation.
* Where it is necessary for legitimate interests pursued by us or a third party and your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests.

We may also use your personal information in the following situations, which are likely to be rare:

* Where we need to protect your interests (or someone else’s interests).
* Where it is needed in the public interest.

1. **Situations in which we will use your personal information**

We need all the categories of information in the list above primarily to allow us to perform our contract with you and to enable us to comply with legal obligations. In some cases, we may use your personal information to pursue legitimate interests, provided your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests. The situations in which we will process your personal information are listed below.

* [Making a decision about your recruitment or appointment.]
* [Determining the terms on which you work for us].
* [Determining whether your engagement is deemed employment for the purposes of Chapter 10 of Part 2 of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 (ITEPA 2003) and providing you with a status determination statement in accordance with the applicable provisions of ITEPA 2003].
* [Checking you are legally entitled to work in the UK].
* [Paying you and, if you are an employee or deemed employee for tax purposes, deducting tax and National Insurance contributions (NICs)].
* [Providing our benefits package to you.]
* [Enrolling you in a pension arrangement in accordance with our statutory automatic enrolment duties].
* [Liaising with the trustees or managers of a pension arrangement, your pension provider and any other provider of employee benefits].
* [Administering the contract we have entered into with you].
* [Business management and planning, including accounting and auditing].
* [Conducting performance reviews, managing performance and determining performance requirements].
* [Making decisions about salary reviews and compensation].
* [Assessing qualifications for a particular job or task, including decisions about promotions].
* [Gathering evidence for possible grievance or disciplinary hearings].
* [Making decisions about your continued employment or engagement].
* [Making arrangements for the termination of our working relationship].
* [Education, training and development requirements].
* [Dealing with legal disputes involving you, or other employees, workers and contractors, including accidents at work].
* [Ascertaining your fitness to work].
* [Managing sickness absence].
* [Complying with health and safety obligations].
* [To prevent fraud].
* [To monitor your use of our information and communication systems to ensure compliance with our IT policies].
* [To ensure network and information security, including preventing unauthorised access to our computer and electronic communications systems and preventing malicious software distribution].
* [To conduct data analytics studies to review and better understand employee retention and attrition rates].
* [Equal opportunities monitoring].
* [INSERT].

***If you fail to provide personal information***

If you fail to provide certain information when requested, we may not be able to perform the contract we have entered into with you (such as paying you or providing a benefit), or we may be prevented from complying with our legal obligations (such as to ensure the health and safety of our workers).

***Change of purpose***

We will only use your personal information for the purposes for which we collected it, unless we reasonably consider that we need to use it for another reason and that reason is compatible with the original purpose. If we need to use your personal information for an unrelated purpose, we will notify you and we will explain the legal basis which allows us to do so.

Please note that we may process your personal information without your knowledge or consent, in compliance with the above rules, where this is required or permitted by law.

1. **How we use particularly sensitive personal information**

“Special Categories” of particularly sensitive personal information, such as information about your health, racial or ethnic origin, sexual orientation or trade union membership, require higher levels of protection. We need to have further justification for collecting, storing and using this type of personal information. We may process special categories of personal information in the following circumstances:

* In limited circumstances, with your explicit written consent.
* Where we need to carry out our legal obligations or exercise rights in connection with employment.
* Where it is needed in the public interest, such as for equal opportunities monitoring.
* Where it is necessary to protect you or another person from harm.

Less commonly, we may process this type of information where it is needed in relation to legal claims or where it is needed to protect your interests (or someone else’s interests) and you are not capable of giving your consent, or where you have already made the information public.

1. **Situations in which we will use your sensitive personal information**

In general, we will not process particularly sensitive personal information about you unless it is necessary for performing or exercising obligations or rights in connection with your role. On rare occasions, there may be other reasons for processing, such as it is in the public interest to do so. The situations in which we will process your particularly sensitive personal information are listed below.

* [We will use information about your physical or mental health, or disability status, to ensure your health and safety in the workplace and to assess your fitness to work, to provide appropriate workplace adjustments, to monitor and manage sickness absence and to administer benefits including statutory maternity pay, statutory sick pay[,][and] pensions [and permanent health insurance].] [We need to process this information to exercise rights and perform obligations in connection with your employment].
* [If you apply for an ill-health pension under a pension arrangement operated by a group company, we will use information about your physical or mental health in reaching a decision about your entitlement].
* [If we reasonably believe that you or another person are at risk of harm and the processing is necessary to protect you or them from physical, mental or emotional harm or to protect physical, mental or emotional well-being.]
* [We will use information about your race or national or ethnic origin, religious, philosophical or moral beliefs, or your sexual life or sexual orientation, to ensure meaningful equal opportunity monitoring and reporting].
* [We will use trade union membership information to pay trade union premiums, register the status of a protected employee and to comply with employment law obligations].
* [INSERT].

***Do we need your consent?***

We do not need your consent if we use special categories of your personal information in accordance with our written policy to carry out our legal obligations or exercise specific rights in the field of employment law. In limited circumstances, we may approach you for your written consent to allow us to process certain particularly sensitive data. If we do so, we will provide you with full details of the information that we would like and the reason we need it, so that you can carefully consider whether you wish to consent. You should be aware that it is not a condition of your contract with us that you agree to any request for consent from us.

We do not need your consent where the purpose of the processing is to protect you or another person from harm or to protect your well-being and if we reasonably believe that you need care and support, are at risk of harm and are unable to protect yourself.

***Information about criminal convictions***

We may only use information relating to criminal convictions where the law allows us to do so.

We [envisage **OR** do not envisage] that we will hold information about criminal convictions.

[We will only collect information about criminal convictions if it is appropriate given the nature of the role and where we are legally able to do so.] [Where appropriate, we will collect information about criminal convictions as part of the recruitment process or we may be notified of such information directly by you in the course of you working for us.] [We will use information about criminal convictions and offences in the following ways:

* [LIST]].

We are allowed to use your personal information in this way to carry out our legal obligations.

1. **Data sharing**

We may have to share your data with third parties, including third-party service providers.

We require third parties to respect the security of your data and to treat it in accordance with the law.

We may transfer your personal information outside the UK.

If we do, you can expect a similar degree of protection in respect of your personal information.

***Why might you share my personal information with third parties?***

We will share your personal information with third parties where required by law, where it is necessary to administer the working relationship with you or where we have another legitimate interest in doing so.

***Which third-party service providers process my personal information?***

The following third-party service providers process personal information about you for the following purposes: [NAME PROVIDERS AND THE ACTIVITY THEY CARRY OUT]].

[We will share personal data regarding your participation in any pension arrangement with the trustees or scheme managers of the arrangement in connection with its administration].

***How secure is my information with third-party service providers?***

All our third-party service providers and other entities in the group are required to take appropriate security measures to protect your personal information in line with our policies. We do not allow our third-party service providers to use your personal data for their own purposes. We only permit them to process your personal data for specified purposes and in accordance with our instructions.

***What about other third parties?***

We may share your personal information with other third parties, for example in the context of the possible sale or restructuring of the business. In this situation we will, so far as possible, share anonymised data with the other parties before the transaction completes. Once the transaction is completed, we will share your personal data with the other parties if and to the extent required under the terms of the transaction. We may also need to share your personal information with a regulator or to otherwise comply with the law.

1. **Data security**

We have put in place appropriate security measures to prevent your personal information from being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way, altered or disclosed. In addition, we limit access to your personal information to those employees, agents, contractors and other third parties who have a business need to know/access such information. They will only process your personal information on our instructions, and they are subject to a duty of confidentiality.

We have put in place procedures to deal with any suspected data security breach and will notify you and any applicable regulator of a suspected breach where we are legally required to do so.

1. **How long do we keep your personal information?**

We will only store your personal information for as long as we need it for the purposes for which it was collected. If you would like more information about exactly how long each particular piece of your personal data will be stored by us, it can be provided on request.

1. **What rights do you have in respect of your personal information?**

If you require any further information about your rights as explained below, or if you would like to exercise any of your rights, please let us know.

***Under certain circumstances, by law you have the right to:***

* Request access to your personal information (commonly known as a “data subject access request”). This enables you to receive a copy of the personal information we hold about you and to check that we are lawfully processing it.
* Request correction of the personal information that we hold about you. This enables you to have any incomplete or inaccurate information we hold about you corrected.
* Request erasure of your personal information. This enables you to ask us to delete or remove personal information where there is no good reason for us continuing to process it. You also have the right to ask us to delete or remove your personal information where you have exercised your right to object to processing (see below).
* Object to processing of your personal information 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 information for direct marketing purposes.
* Request the restriction of processing of your personal information. This enables you to ask us to suspend the processing of personal information about you, for example if you want us to establish its accuracy or the reason for processing it.
* Request the transfer of your personal information to another party.
* Right not to be subject to automated decisions. You have a right to not have to be subject to decisions based on automated processing that produce an adverse legal effect for you. If you have any concerns or questions about this right, please let us know. [The only automated decision-making or profiling we undertake is for the purpose of tailoring the information which we provide to you. We will not use automated decision-making or profiling to make any decisions which will have a legal effect upon you or otherwise significantly affect you, and you have the right not to be subject to such decisions.]

If you want to exercise any of these rights, please contact [POSITION] in writing.

***No fee usually required***

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

***What we may need from you***

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 information is not disclosed to any person who has no right to receive it.

***Right to withdraw consent***

In the limited circumstances where you may have provided your consent to the collection, processing and transfer of your personal information for a specific purpose, you have the right to withdraw your consent for that specific processing at any time. To withdraw your consent, please contact [POSITION]. Once we have received notification 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.

***Your duty to inform us of changes***

It is important that the personal information we hold about you is accurate and current. Please keep us informed if your personal information changes during your working relationship with us.

1. **Changes to our Privacy Policy**

Any changes we make to our privacy policy in the future will be posted on this page and, where appropriate, notified to you by email. Please check back frequently to see any updates or changes to our privacy policy.

This version was last updated on [INSERT DATE].

**If you have any questions about this privacy policy, please contact [POSITION AND CONTACT DETAILS].**

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| I, [INSERT NAME], acknowledge that on [DATE], I received a copy of this privacy policy for employees, workers, contractors and volunteers and that I have read and understood it. |
| Signature  ……………………………………………… |
| Name |
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