

Fair Processing Statement – Human Resources

What happens to information held about you? Your rights and our obligations to you.

How We Use Personal Data

This document explains how Bridgend County Borough Council's (BCBC's) Human Resources and Organisational Development (HR/OD) service obtains, holds, uses and discloses information about people (their personal data), the steps we take to ensure that it is protected, and also describes the rights individuals have in regard to their personal data handled by BCBC's HR/OD service.

The use and disclosure of personal data is governed by Data Protection legislation. As such BCBC's HR/OD service is obliged to ensure that it handles all personal data in accordance with the legislation.

BCBC's HR/OD service takes that responsibility very seriously and takes great care to ensure that personal data is handled appropriately in order to secure and maintain individuals' trust and confidence in the Council.

The legislation requires BCBC's HR/OD service to have a lawful basis for processing personal data depending on the service provided.

1. Why do we handle personal data?

HR processes personal information to enable it to:

- Recruit and select employees
- Undertake pre-employment checks
- Offer contracts of employment
- Support and manage our employees in accordance with HR policies
- Pay salaries and additional payments
- Pay employment taxes over to HMRC
- Maintain accurate and up-to-date employment records and
- Provide references on request for current or former employees
- Provide the pension provider with pay and hours information
- Engage agency workers
- Pay consultants
- Process work experience applications
- Process special categories related to protected characteristics

2. What type/classes of personal data do we handle?

In order to carry out the purposes described under section 1 above BCBC may obtain, use and disclose personal data including the following:

- Name, address, date of birth and contact details, including e-mail address and telephone number, and marital status
- Details of qualifications, training, skills, experience and employment history
- Information about entitlement to work in the UK and identification documents including passport and information in relation to your immigration status and right to work for BCBC

- Any declared disability for which reasonable adjustments are required
- Bank details and information in relation to tax status including national insurance number
- Information about remuneration (current and previous), including pension benefit entitlements and deductions
- Details of current and previous roles and locations, working hours, details of re-grading, and holiday entitlement
- Information relating to health in the context of fitness to attend work and undertake job responsibilities
- Information relating to disciplinary or grievance investigations (including proceedings where not the main subject of those proceedings)
- Information relating to your performance, professional development and behavior at work
- Information about protected characteristics
- Details of convictions for certain roles

BCBC's HR/OD service will only use appropriate personal data necessary to fulfil a particular purpose or purposes. Personal data could be information which is held on a computer or in a paper record.

3. Who information is processed about

In order to carry out the purposes described under section 1 above BCBC's HR/OD service may obtain, use and disclose personal data about the following:

- Job applicants
- Employees
- Former employees
- Persons contracted to provide a service
- Individuals applying for, and undertaking work experience

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4. Where do we obtain personal data from?

In order to carry out the purposes described under section 1 above BCBC's HR/OD service may obtain personal data from a wide variety of sources, including the following:

- Individuals themselves and relevant identity documentation
- Referees
- Current, past or prospective employers of the individual
- Education, training establishments and examining bodies
- Disclosure and Barring Service
- Pension administrators

5. How do we handle personal data?

In order to achieve the purposes described under section 1 BCBC's HR/OD service will handle personal data in accordance with data protection legislation. In particular we will ensure that personal data is handled fairly and lawfully with appropriate justification. We will strive to ensure that any personal data used by us or on our behalf is of the highest quality in terms of accuracy, relevance, adequacy and non-excessiveness, is kept as up to date as required, is protected appropriately, and is reviewed, retained and securely destroyed when no longer required.

6. How do we ensure the security of personal data?

BCBC takes the security of all personal data under our control very seriously. We will ensure that appropriate policy, training, technical and procedural measures are in place, including audit and integrity monitoring, to protect our manual and electronic information systems from data loss and misuse, and only permit access to them when there is a legitimate reason to do so, and then under strict guidelines as to what use may be made of any personal data contained within them. These procedures are continuously managed and enhanced to ensure up-to-date security.

7. Who do we disclose personal data to?

We sometimes need to share information with the individuals we process information about and other organisations. Where this is necessary we are required to comply with all aspects of the legislation. What follows is a description of the types of organisations we may need to share some of the personal information that we process with for one or more reasons:

- Managers and other departments within BCBC
- Schools
- Current past and prospective employers
- Occupational Health provider
- Training providers and examining bodies
- Welsh Government
- Trade unions
- Regulatory bodies
- Police forces
- The Disclosure and Barring Service
- Pensions administrators
- Training providers
- Agency providers
- HMRC

It may sometimes be necessary for the Council to transfer personal information overseas. When this is needed information may be transferred to countries or territories around the world. Any transfers made will be in full compliance with all aspects of the legislation.

8. What are your rights in relation to your personal data which is handled by BCBC?

Individuals have various rights:

Right of access

You can obtain a copy, subject to exemptions, of your personal data held by the Council. A copy of the application form is available from:

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/my-council/freedom-of-information/data-protection/>

You are also entitled to obtain confirmation as to whether or not data concerning you is being processed by the Council. Where that is the case, you are entitled to the following information subject to exemptions:

- The purposes of and legal basis for the processing
- The categories of personal data concerned
- The recipients to whom the personal data has been disclosed
- The period for which it is envisaged that the personal data will be stored
- Communication of the personal data undergoing processing and of any available information as to its origin.

**Please note that 'processing' means an operation or set of operations performed on personal data such as collection, recording, organisation, structuring, storage, adaption, alteration, erasure, restriction, retrieval.*

Proof of ID and any further information needed to locate the information may be required before the Council can comply with your request.

Any request for the above information should be made in writing to the Data Protection Officer and the Council will respond within one month.

Rectification of data

You can request the Council to rectify inaccurate personal data relating to you. If the data is inaccurate because it is incomplete, the Council must complete it if required to do so by you.

A request should be made in writing to the Data Protection Officer and a response will be sent within one month.

Erasure or restriction of personal data

You can request that the Council erase your data or restrict any processing of your data, subject to exemptions.

All requests should be made to the Data Protection Officer. The Council will then inform you of whether the request has been granted and if it has been refused, the reasons for the refusal.

Right not to be subject to automated decision-making

You have the right, subject to exemptions, not to be subject to a decision when it is based on automated processing and it produces a legal effect or a similarly significant effect on you. You have a right to express your point of view and obtain an explanation from the Council of its decision and challenge it.

However, it should be noted that this right does not apply to all decisions as there are exemptions for example authorisation by law, performance of a contract to which you are a party.

9. How long does BCBC retain personal data?

BCBC keeps personal data as long as is necessary for the particular purpose or purposes for which it is held in accordance with the Council's [Data Retention Policy](#).

10. Contact Us

Any individual with concerns over the way BCBC handles their personal data may contact the Data Protection Officer at the Council as below:

Bridgend County Borough Council, Information Office, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB.
E-mail foi@bridgend.gov.uk
Telephone 01656 643565

You can also raise concerns with the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office – Wales
2nd Floor
Churchill House
Churchill Way
Cardiff
CF10 2HH
Telephone: 02920 678400 Fax: 02920 678399
Email: wales@ico.org.uk
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