

P104 GENERAL DATA PROTECTION POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

This Data Protection Policy has been developed to ensure that Peterborough Regional College fully complies with General Data Protection Regulation 2018. The policy emphasises the duties and obligations of every member of staff under General Data Protection Regulation 2018 and the codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner.

Compliance with General Data Protection Regulation 2018 is the responsibility of all members of the College. Any deliberate breach of the Data Protection Policy may lead to disciplinary legislation being taken, access to College facilities being withdrawn, or a criminal prosecution.

If there are any questions about the interpretation or operation of this policy, please contact the College Data Protection Officer, Peter Walker, Peterborough Regional College, Park Crescent, Peterborough PE1 4DZ, email peter.walker@peterborough.ac.uk, telephone 01733 762161.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to:

- enable the College to demonstrate that it fully complies with General Data Protection Regulation 2018
- ensure that all staff and members of the College are fully briefed on data protection issues
- inform staff of their responsibilities within the context of their job and show a line of responsibility towards implementing General Data Protection Regulation 2018 across the College
- clearly define individual's rights with regard to processing personal data and accessing personal data within the context of the legislation
- Ensure that all personal data is stored securely
- give direction and guidance for dealing with requests to access personal data
- ensure that all staff are aware of the issues surrounding the disclosure of personal data
- set data retention periods for personal data
- inform staff of their responsibilities if a data breach, or near miss, occurs.

3. RISK ANALYSIS

The maximum penalty for failing to comply with General Data Protection Regulation 2018 is the greater of 10 million Euros or 2% of the College's annual turnover. The reputation of the College may also be damaged by non-compliance with this policy.

The risk of non-compliance is monitored in accordance with the College's Risk

Management Policy. Where there is a high risk that the rights and freedoms of individuals may be infringed, a Data Protection Impact Assessment will be undertaken.

4. SCOPE

It is a condition of employment that employees will abide by the rules and policies made by the College. Any failure to follow the policy can therefore result in disciplinary proceedings. Any member of staff or student, who considers that the policy has not been followed in respect of personal data about themselves, should raise the matter with the College Data Protection Officer initially. If the matter is not resolved it should be raised as a formal grievance.

The College is not responsible for any personal data processed by a member of staff or a student for their personal or domestic use, even where this involves the use of College equipment. The definition of personal or domestic use covers any data not concerned with their employment or studies at the College.

5. RELATED DOCUMENTS

P106 Freedom of Information Policy
P505 Disciplinary Policy
P514 Providing Employment References
P600 Staff Internet & Email Policy
P601 Student Internet & Email Policy
P602 Information & Communications (ICT) Policy
P607 IT Security Policy
P608 Laptop Security Policy
P700 MIS Policy
P114 Risk Management Policy
P103 Complaints and Dissatisfactions Resolution Procedure

6. RESPONSIBILITIES

The College, as a corporate body, is the Data Controller under General Data Protection Regulation 2018 and the Corporation Board is ultimately responsible for compliance.

A Data Protection Officer has been appointed who is responsible for day-to-day data protection matters and for developing specific guidance notes on data protection issues for the College.

All departmental managers and all those in managerial or supervisory roles are responsible for developing and encouraging good practice with regard to the handling of personal data.

Compliance with data protection legislation is the responsibility of all members of the College who process personal information.

6.1 Staff

All staff are responsible for:

- checking that any information that they provide to Human Resources in connection with their employment is accurate and up-to-date

- informing Human Resources of any changes to information which they have provided i.e. change in address, telephone number, etc.
- checking the information that the College will send out annually, giving details of information kept and processed about staff.
- informing the College of any errors or changes. The College cannot be held responsible for any errors unless the staff member has informed Human Resources

In addition, all staff are responsible for:

- processing personal data as required by their job role in accordance with General Data Protection Regulation 2018
- ensuring that any personal data for which they are responsible is kept securely
- ensuring that personal information is not disclosed, whether orally, in writing, accidentally or otherwise, to any unauthorised third party
- reporting any personal data breach, or circumstances which could potentially give rise to a personal data breach, to the Data Protection Officer immediately.

Personal information should be:

- kept in a locked room, i.e. a locked staff room; or
- in a locked filing cabinet; or
- in a locked drawer; or
- if it is computerised, be password protected or stored only on a device which is encrypted.

The IT Support Unit (ITSU) is responsible for ensuring that the College network is protected against malware and for encrypting all laptops and storage devices issued to staff.

Care should be taken to ensure that PCs and terminals are not visible except to authorised staff and that computer passwords are kept confidential. PC screens should not be left unattended without password protected screen-savers and manual records should not be left where they can be accessed by unauthorised personnel.

This policy also applies to staff and students who process personal data off-site. Off-site processing presents a potentially greater risk of loss, theft or damage to personal data. Staff and students should take particular care when processing personal data at home or in other locations outside the College campus.

6.2 Student Obligations

Students must ensure that all personal data provided to the College is accurate and up-to-date. They must ensure that changes of address etc. are notified to the Course Tutor who then must fill in the appropriate form.

6.3 The Data Protection Officer

The Deputy Principal is designated as the College's Data Protection Officer. The Data Protection Officer is responsible for;

- informing and advising the College board and its employees about their obligations to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation 2018 and other data protection laws
- monitoring compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation 2018 and other data protection laws, including managing internal data protection activities, advising on data protection impact assessments, training staff and arranging internal audits.
- being the first point of contact for supervisory authorities and for individuals whose data is processed
- maintaining the College's registration with the Information Commissioner
- maintaining and updating the College's Data Protection Policy
- informing the Information Commissioner if a breach of data security occurs.

6.4 Registration with the Information Commissioner

The College is registered with the Information Commissioner and has an obligation as a Data Controller to notify the Information Commissioner of the purposes for which it processes personal data. Personal data must only be processed if the purpose for which it is required has been 'notified' to the Information Commissioner. It is a criminal offence to hold personal data that has not been registered.

A list of purposes, which have been registered by the College, is as follows:

Purpose 1	Staff, Agent and Contractor Administration
Purpose 2	Advertising, Marketing, Public Relations, General Advice Services
Purpose 3	Accounts and Records
Purpose 4	Education
Purpose 5	Student and Staff Support Services
Purpose 6	Crime Prevention and Prosecution of Offenders
Purpose 7	Provision of facilities to other groups or organizations
Purpose 8	Publication of the College magazine

Managers are expected to familiarise themselves with the terms of the College's register entry. If any doubt exists as to whether any particular collecting, holding and use, or intended disclosure of personal data is within the terms of the College's register entry or General Data Protection Regulation 2018, then staff must discuss this with the Data Protection Officer before taking action. Senior members of staff should keep the Data Protection Officer informed of non-standard data held in their areas.

Individual data subjects can obtain full details of the College's data protection register entry with the Information Commissioner from the College Data Protection Officer or from the Information Commissioner's website (<https://ico.org.uk/>).

7. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Policy the following definitions shall apply;

- "personal data" shall mean any information relating to an identified or

identifiable natural person (the "data subject"); an identifiable person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identification number or to one or more factors specific to his physical, physiological, mental, economic, cultural or social identity;

- "processing of personal data" ("processing") shall mean any operation or set of operations which is performed upon personal data, whether or not by automatic means, such as collection, recording, organisation, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, blocking, erasure or destruction;
- "personal data filing system" ("filing system") shall mean any structured set of personal data which are accessible according to specific criteria, whether centralised, decentralised or dispersed on a functional or geographical basis;
- "controller" shall mean the natural or legal person, public authority, agency or any other body which alone or jointly with others determines the purposes and means of the processing of personal data; where the purposes and means of processing are determined by national or Community laws or regulations, the controller or the specific criteria for his nomination may be designated by national or Community law;
- "processor" shall mean a natural or legal person, public authority, agency or any other body which processes personal data on behalf of the controller;
- "the College" shall mean Peterborough Regional College.

8. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

A section 1 Equality Impact Assessment has been completed for this policy.

9. PRINCIPLES RELATING TO THE PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

1. Personal data shall be:

- (a) processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject ('lawfulness, fairness and transparency');
- (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 ('purpose limitation');
- (c) adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed ('data minimisation');
- (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 ('accuracy');
- (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; ('storage limitation');
- (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 ('integrity and confidentiality').

2. The College, as data controller, shall be responsible for, and be able to demonstrate compliance with, the principles above ('accountability').

10. THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS

10.1 The right to be informed

General Data Protection Regulation 2018 sets out the information that must be supplied to individuals whose personal data the College holds and when those individuals should be informed. Further details may be obtained from the College's Data Protection Officer.

The information that the College supplies about the processing of personal data must be:

- concise, transparent, intelligible and easily accessible;
- written in clear and plain language, particularly if addressed to a young person; and
- free of charge.

10.2 The right of access

Under General Data Protection Regulation 2018, individuals have the right to obtain:

- confirmation that their data is being processed;
- access to their personal data; and
- other supplementary information.

Access requests should be made to the College's Data Protection Officer in writing. The College will provide one copy of the information free of charge. However, we may charge a reasonable fee when a request is manifestly unfounded or excessive, particularly if it is repetitive.

10.3 The right to rectification

Individuals are entitled to have personal data held by the College rectified if it is inaccurate or incomplete. Requests for rectification of data should be made to the College's Data Protection Officer in writing who will respond within one month. This may be extended by two months where the request for rectification is complex.

10.4 The right to erasure

Individuals have a right to have their personal data erased and to prevent processing in specific circumstances. Requests for data to be erased should be made to the College's Data Protection Officer in writing.

There are some specific circumstances where the right to erasure does not apply and the College may refuse to deal with a request.

10.5 The right to restrict processing

Individuals have the right to restrict the processing of their personal data in the following circumstances:

- (a) the accuracy of the personal data is contested by the individual, for a period enabling the College to verify the accuracy of the personal data;
- (b) the processing is unlawful and the individual opposes the erasure of the personal data and requests the restriction of their use instead;
- (c) the College no longer needs the personal data for the purposes of the processing, but they are required by the data subject for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims;
- (d) the individual has objected to processing pending verification whether the legitimate grounds of the College override those of the individual.

Requests to restrict the processing of data should be made to the College's Data Protection Officer in writing.

10.6 Data portability

The College will provide personal data in a structured and commonly used format. We will also transmit personal data directly to another organisation if requested by the data subject.

10.7 The right to object

An individual has the right to object;

- (a) where the lawful basis for processing the personal data of an individual is based solely on the legitimate interests of the College or the performance of a task in the public interest, or the exercise of an official authority vested in the College, on grounds relating to his or her particular situation.
- (b) to the use of their personal data for direct marketing.

Objections to the processing of personal data under this section should be notified to the Data Protection Officer in writing.

The College will not process personal data for the purposes of scientific or historical research and statistics.

10.8 Automated decision making and profiling

The College will not undertake automated decision making or process personal data for the purpose of profiling individuals.

11. CONSENT OF THE DATA SUBJECT

The College will identify and record a lawful basis for the processing of personal data.

The lawful basis for the processing of personal data will normally be the consent of

the data subject. Consent must be a freely given, specific, informed and unambiguous indication of the individual's wishes. Consent will not be inferred from silence, pre-ticked boxes or inactivity. Consent is not required if a different lawful basis has been identified (see following section).

Individuals may withdraw their consent for the processing of their personal data by notifying the Data Protection Officer in writing.

12. OTHER LAWFUL BASES FOR PROCESSING PERSONAL DATA

Having regard to the purpose of the data processing and the relationship with the individual, the College may determine that it is not appropriate to obtain the consent of the data subject and may instead identify and document one of the following lawful bases for the processing of personal data;

- (a) the processing is necessary for a contract between the College and the individual, or because the individual has asked the College to take specific steps before entering into a contract
- (b) the processing is necessary for the College to comply with the law, for example, The Further and Higher Education Act 1998
- (c) the processing is necessary to protect someone's life
- (d) the processing is necessary for the College to perform a task in the public interest or to discharge its official functions, and the task or function has a clear basis in law
- (e) the processing is necessary for the legitimate interests of the College or the legitimate interests of a third party unless there is a good reason to protect the individual's personal data which overrides those legitimate interests (this does not apply if the College is processing data to perform its official tasks).

13. PROCESSING OF DATA ON CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS

In order to comply with statutory guidance from the Department for Education issued under Section 175 of the Education Act 2002, the College obtains details of criminal allegations, proceedings and convictions for the purpose of safeguarding the young people and vulnerable adults for which it is responsible. This data is only retained for as long as required for this purpose and is then deleted. The College does not keep a comprehensive register of criminal convictions.

14. PRIVACY NOTICES, TRANSPARENCY AND CONTROL

The College aims to comply with the code of practice on communicating privacy information to individuals issued by the Information Commissioners' Office.

Privacy notices will be as informative as possible and will, as a minimum, inform individuals;

- that the College is the data controller
- how their personal data will be used by the College and
- with whom their data will be shared.

Privacy information will be given before personal data is collected and may be

communicated through a variety of media;

- in writing - forms, such as application forms; printed media; printed adverts
- electronically - on the College website; in emails; in text messages; in mobile apps
- orally - face to face or when speaking on the telephone (this will be documented)
- through signage - for example an information poster in a public area.

15. DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

The College aims to comply with the code of practice on conducting privacy impact assessments issued by the Information Commissioners' Office.

Risks created by the College's data processing activities are continuously monitored through the College's risk register in order to identify when a type of processing is likely to result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals. This is most likely when any of the following conditions are present;

- sensitive data or data of a highly personal nature
- data concerning vulnerable data subjects
- data processed on a large scale
- applying new technological or organisational solutions.

Where the likelihood that the rights and freedoms of individuals may be infringed is assessed as 'High' or above (using the College's methodology for scoring risks), the Data Protection Officer will arrange for a Data Protection Impact Assessment to be undertaken. The Data Protection Impact Assessment will incorporate the following steps;

- describe the information flows
- identify the privacy and related risks
- identify and evaluate the privacy solutions
- sign off and record the assessment outcomes
- integrate the outcomes into the existing processes or project plan
- consult with internal and external stakeholders as needed throughout the process.

16. DATA SHARING

The College aims to comply with the code of practice on data sharing issued by the Information Commissioners' Office.

The College will inform an individual if it is intended to share his or her personal data with another organisation and will normally obtain the consent of individual.

The College does not require the consent of a student to share his or her personal data for the purpose of complying with:

- its contractual obligations to the Education and Skills Funding Agency and successor organisations
- its legal obligations under the education acts and safeguarding legislation.

The College may share personal data without the individual's knowledge, where, for example, personal data is processed for the:

- prevention or detection of crime

- apprehension or prosecution of offenders or
- assessment or collection of tax or duty.

The College will share personal data with its service providers to the minimum extent required for those service providers to discharge their obligations to the College under relevant service contracts. Service providers includes auditors, payroll providers, bankers, debt collection agencies, software suppliers and providers of grant funding.

The College will not transfer personal data outside the European Union.

17. RETENTION OF DATA

The College will retain data in a form which permits the identification of data subjects for no longer than the purposes for which the data are processed. The retention periods for each class of data are shown in Appendix 1.

18. REPORTING PERSONAL DATA BREACHES

A personal data breach means a breach of security leading to the destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of, or access to, personal data. This is more than a loss of personal data. All personal data breaches, or circumstances which may give rise to a personal data breach, must be reported to the Data Protection Officer immediately. The Data Protection Officer will investigate the alleged breach and prepare a written report for the Chief Executive.

If, in the opinion of the Chief Executive, the breach is likely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals (if unaddressed, such a breach is likely to have a significant detrimental effect on individuals – for example, result in discrimination, damage to reputation, financial loss, loss of confidentiality or any other significant economic or social disadvantage) then the Data Protection Officer will notify the Information Commissioner.

If, in the opinion of the Chief Executive, the breach is likely to result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of then the Data Protection Officer will, in addition, make arrangements to notify the individuals concerned.

19. CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV)

19.1 External security contractor

The campus has CCTV cameras placed in strategic positions and the responsibility for monitoring, recording and responding to the images is sub contracted to an independent security company, Business Watch. The operation of the cameras is covered by Business Watch's CCTV Code of Practice and Business Watch is the Data Controller in respect of the images captured. Data from this system is processed in accordance with General Data Protection Regulation 2018 and Business Watch's Data Protection Notification to the Information Commissioner.

19.2 CCTV code of practice

Business Watch's CCTV Code of Practice determines that:

- any monitoring of data will be carried out only by a limited number of specified staff

- data will be accessed only by the Security Manager and Security Control Room Operators from Business Watch and persons authorised by Business Watch in accordance with their Code of Practice.
- personal data obtained during monitoring will be erased as soon as possible after any investigation is complete
- data will only be made available to law enforcement agencies involved in the prevention and detection of crime, and no other third parties
- staff involved in monitoring will maintain confidentiality in respect of personal data
- data are securely stored, where only a limited number of authorised persons may have access to them
- the operating equipment is regularly checked to ensure that it is working properly (e.g. the recording media used is of an appropriate standard and that features on the equipment, such as the date and time stamp, are correctly set and applied to the data).

20. EXAMINATIONS

20.1 Examination scripts

Examination scripts are expressly exempted from the data subject access rules. This means that the College is under no obligation to permit examination candidates to have access to either original scripts or copies of the scripts.

20.2 Disclosure of examination results

Examination results (including other forms of assessment such as coursework marks, module marks, and phase tests) are personal data and, therefore, should not be disclosed to third parties without consent.

20.3 Internal and external examiners' comments

A data subject has the right to request a copy or summary 'in intelligible form' of internal and external examiners' comments, whether made on the script or in another form that allows them to be held and applied to the original script or to a specific candidate within 40 days.

21. COMPLAINTS

Any person who believes that the College has not complied with this Policy, or with any aspect of the wider General Data Protection Regulation 2018, should notify the College's Data Protection Officer in the first instance. If the issue is not resolved, a complaint should be made in writing to the College Principal and will be investigated in accordance with the College's Complaints and Dissatisfactions Resolution Procedure, a copy of which may be obtained from Reception.

If the complainant is still unhappy with the College's response or needs any advice he or she should contact the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) on the ICO helpline (telephone: 0303 123 1113) or go to the Information Commissioner's website at <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection/make-a-complaint>.