

# **Barrow upon Soar Community Library**

## **Data Protection Policy and Procedures**

### **Introduction**

The Barrow upon Soar Community Library is committed to a policy of protecting the rights and privacy of individuals, the Barrow upon Soar Community Library needs to collect and use certain types of data in order to carry on our work. This personal information must be collected and dealt with appropriately.

The Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) along with UKGDPR governs the use of information about people (personal data). Personal data can be held on computer or in a manual file, and includes email, minutes of a meetings, and photographs. The Barrow upon Soar Community Library is the data processor for the information held. The data controller is the chair of the Library Management Committee. Further information about the requirements of both roles can be found in the final section of this policy. The Barrow upon Soar Community Library and volunteers will be personally responsible for processing and using personal information in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

Management committee members and volunteers running the Barrow upon Soar Community Library who have access to personal information, will be expected to have read and comply with this policy.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to set out the Barrow upon Soar Community Library commitment and procedures for protecting personal data. The Barrow upon Soar Community Library regards the lawful and correct treatment of personal information as very important to successful working, and to maintaining the confidence of those with whom we deal with.

### **The Data Protection Act 2018 Legislation**

This contains principles for processing personal data with which Barrow upon Soar Community Library will comply. Under the Act, personal data:

1. Shall be processed fairly and lawfully and, in particular, shall not be processed unless specific conditions are met,
2. Shall be obtained only for one or more of the purposes specified in the Act, and shall not be processed in any manner incompatible with that purpose or those purposes,
3. Shall be adequate, relevant and not excessive in relation to those purpose(s)
4. Shall be accurate and kept up to date,
5. Shall not be kept for longer than is necessary,
6. Shall be processed in accordance with the rights of data subjects under the Act,
7. Shall be kept secure by the Data Processor, which takes appropriate technical and other measures to prevent unauthorised or unlawful processing or accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, personal information,

8. Shall not be transferred to a country or territory outside the European Economic Area unless that country or territory ensures an adequate level of protection for the rights and freedoms of data subjects in relation to the processing of personal information.

The following list provides definitions of the technical terms we have used and is intended to aid understanding of this policy.

**Data Controller** – The person who (either alone or with others) decides what personal information Barrow upon Soar Community Library will hold and how it will be held or used. The data controller is the chair of the Library Management Committee.

**Data Protection Act 2018** – The UK legislation that provides a framework for responsible behaviour by those using personal information.

**Data Protection Officer** – The person(s) on the management committee who is responsible for ensuring that it follows its data protection policy and complies with the Data Protection Act 2018

**Data Subject/Service User** – The individual whose personal information is being held or processed by Barrow upon Soar Community Library (for example: a service user or a supporter)

**‘Explicit’ consent** – is a freely given, specific and informed agreement by a Data Subject (see definition) to the processing\* of personal information\* about her/him.

Explicit consent is needed for processing sensitive\* data this includes the following:

- (a) racial or ethnic origin of the data subject,
- (b) political opinions,
- (c) religious beliefs or other beliefs of a similar nature,
- (d) trade union membership,
- (e) physical or mental health or condition,
- (f) sexual life,
- (g) criminal record,
- (h) proceedings for any offence committed or alleged to have been committed,

**Notification** – Notifying the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) about the data processing activities of the Barrow upon Soar Community Library but as a not-for-profit organisation are exempt from notification.

**Information Commissioner** – The UK Information Commissioner responsible for implementing and overseeing the Data Protection Act 2018.

**Processing** – means collecting, amending, handling, storing or disclosing personal information

**Personal Information** – Information about living individuals that enables them to be identified – e.g. names, address, telephone numbers and email addresses. It does not apply to information about organisations, companies and agencies but applies to named persons, such as individual volunteers of the Library.

### **Applying the Data Protection Act within the Barrow upon Soar Community Library**

Whilst access to personal information is limited to the volunteers at the Barrow upon Soar Community Library (including management committee members), volunteers at the Barrow upon Soar Community

Library may undertake additional tasks, which involve the collection of personal details from members of the public. Examples could include a housebound service or the Summer Reading Challenge.

In such circumstances we will let people know why we are collecting their data and it is our responsibility to ensure the data is only used for this purpose.

Correcting data. Individuals have a right to have data corrected if it is wrong, to prevent use which is causing them damage or distress or to stop marketing information being sent to them.

## **Responsibilities**

The Barrow upon Soar Community Library is the Data Processor under the Act. The chair of the Library Management Committee is legally responsible for complying with Act, which means that s/he determines what purposes personal information held will be used for.

The management committee will take into account legal requirements and ensure that it is properly implemented, and will through appropriate management, strict application of criteria and controls:

- Observe fully conditions regarding the fair collection and use of information,
- Meet its legal obligations to specify the purposes for which information is used,
- Collect and process appropriate information, and only to the extent that it is needed to fulfil its operational needs or to comply with any legal requirements,
- Ensure the quality of information used,
- Ensure that the rights of people about whom information is held, can be fully exercised under the Act. These include:
  - The right to be informed that processing is being undertaken,
  - The right of access to one's personal information
  - The right to prevent processing in certain circumstances and
  - The right to correct, rectify, block or erase information which is regarded as wrong information),
- Take appropriate technical and organisational security measures to safeguard personal information,
- Ensure that personal information is not transferred abroad without suitable safeguards,
- Treat people justly and fairly whatever their age, religion, disability, gender, sexual orientation or ethnicity when dealing with requests for information,
- Set out clear procedures for responding to requests for information

The data protection officer on the management committee is:

Name Keith Butler

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The Data Protection Officer will be responsible for ensuring that the policy is implemented and will have overall responsibility for:

- Everyone processing personal information understands that they are contractually responsible for following good data protection practice,
- Everyone processing personal information is appropriately trained to do so,
- Everyone processing personal information is appropriately supervised,
- Anybody wanting to make enquiries about handling personal information knows what to do,
- It deals promptly and courteously with any enquiries about handling personal information,
- It describes clearly how it handles personal information,
- It will regularly review and audit the ways it holds, manages and use personal information
- It regularly assesses and evaluates its methods and performance in relation to handling personal information
- All volunteers (including management committee members) are aware that a breach of the rules and procedures identified in this policy may lead to action being taken against them

This policy will be updated as necessary to reflect best practice in data management, security and control and to ensure compliance with any changes or amendments made to the Data Protection Act 2018 and UKGDPR.

In case of any queries or questions in relation to this policy please contact the Barrow upon Soar Community Library Data Protection Officer:

### **Data collection**

#### **Informed consent**

Informed consent is when

- A Data Subject clearly understands why their information is needed, who it will be shared with, the possible consequences of them agreeing or refusing the proposed use of the data
- and then gives their consent.

Barrow upon Soar Community Library will ensure that data is collected within the boundaries defined in this policy. This applies to data that is collected in person, or by completing a form.

When collecting data, Barrow upon Soar Community Library will ensure that the Data Subject:

- Clearly understands why the information is needed
- Understands what it will be used for and what the consequences are should the Data Subject decide not to give consent to processing

- As far as reasonably possible, grants explicit consent, either written or verbal for data to be processed
- Is, as far as reasonably practicable, competent enough to give consent and has given so freely without any duress
- Has received sufficient information on why their data is needed and how it will be used

## **Data Storage**

Information and records relating to service users will be stored securely and will only be accessible to authorised volunteers.

Information will be stored for only as long as it is needed or required statute and will be disposed of appropriately.

It is Barrow upon Soar Community Library responsibility to ensure all personal and company data is non-recoverable from any computer system previously used within the organisation, which has been passed on/sold to a third party.

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## **Subject Access Requests.**

Members of the public may request certain information from the Local Authority under the **Freedom of Information Act 2000**. The Act does not apply to Barrow upon Soar Community Library. However given that we undertake the delivery of services under contracts with the Local Authority we may be required to assist them to meet the Freedom of Information Act request where we hold information on their behalf.

## **Disclosure**

The Barrow upon Soar Community Library may need to share data with other agencies such as the local authority, funding bodies and other voluntary agencies.

The Data Subject will be made aware in most circumstances how and with whom their information will be shared. There are circumstances where the law allows Barrow upon Soar Community Library to disclose data (including sensitive data) without the data subject's consent.

These are:

1. Carrying out a legal duty or as authorised by the Secretary of State
2. Protecting vital interests of a Data Subject or other person
3. The Data Subject has already made the information public
4. Conducting any legal proceedings, obtaining legal advice or defending any legal rights
5. Monitoring for equal opportunities purposes – i.e. race, disability or religion

6. Providing a confidential service where the Data Subject's consent cannot be obtained or where it is reasonable to proceed without consent: e.g. where we would wish to avoid forcing stressed or ill Data Subjects to provide consent signatures.

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Barrow upon Soar Community Library intends to ensure that personal information is treated lawfully and correctly.

## **Risk Management**

The consequences of breaching Data Protection can cause harm or distress to service users if their information is released to inappropriate people, or they could be denied a service to which they are entitled. Volunteers (including management committee members) should be aware that they can be personally liable if they use customers' personal data inappropriately. This policy is designed to minimise the risks and to ensure that the reputation of the Barrow upon Soar Community Library is not damaged through inappropriate or unauthorised access and sharing.

## **Destroying personal data.**

Personal data should only be kept for as long as it is needed. Examples include: A customer joins the Summer Reading Challenge – only keep that data for the duration of administering the campaign and securely dispose of once the promotion and monitoring period is complete. A customer is housebound and receives regular visits from a volunteer – ensure the list is securely stored and remove customer details when they change or the customer no longer receives the service. Review the list annually. We will ensure that this information is confidentially destroyed at the end of the relevant retention period.

## **Further information**

If members of the public/or stakeholders have specific questions about information security and data protection in relation to the Barrow upon Soar Community Library, please contact the Data Protection Officer:

The website of the Information Commissioner's Office (<https://ico.org.uk>) is another source of useful information. This includes the following links, which provide guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) on the requirements for each of i) data processor and ii) data controller.

*Checklist for data processor*

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/sme-web-hub/checklists/data-protection-self-assessment/processors-checklist/>

*Checklist for data controller*

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/sme-web-hub/checklists/data-protection-self-assessment/controllers-checklist/>

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