



Independent Review of Criminal Legal Aid

Introduction

This privacy notice sets out the standards that you can expect from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) when we request or hold personal information ('personal data') about you for the purposes of the Independent Review of Criminal Legal Aid; how you can get access to a copy of your personal data; and what you can do if you think the standards are not being met.

Why We Collect Your Personal Data

MoJ is the data controller for any personal data included in responses to the Independent Review's Call for Evidence. That data will be collected and processed for the purpose of informing the Review's consideration of the Criminal Legal Aid System as set out in its Terms of Reference.

Types of personal data we process

Personal data means any information relating to an identified or identifiable individual. In the context of responses to the Independent Review's Call for Evidence, it may include your name, email address, organisation and any other information about you included in your submission.

What do we mean by processing?

When we refer to processing we mean any activity we perform with your personal data, including collecting, publishing, storing, updating, analysing, or deleting it. We know how important it is to protect individuals' privacy and comply with data protection laws. We will safeguard your personal data and will only disclose it where it is lawful to do so.

As stated in the Call for Evidence, responses may be disclosed in reply to requests submitted under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, subject to the provisions of the legislation.

Purpose of processing and the lawful basis for the process

Personal data included in responses to the Call for Evidence will be processed to the extent necessary to carry out the Independent Review of Criminal Legal Aid. This will be in accordance with the lawful basis for processing set out in Article 6(1)(e) of the UK GDPR, necessary for performing a task in the public interest, and section 8 of the Data Protection Act 2018.

The legal basis for processing your sensitive personal data, or data about criminal convictions (where you volunteer it), is that it is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest.



Who the information may be shared with

We sometimes need to share the personal information we process. Where this is necessary, we will comply with all aspects of applicable laws.

We do not intend to publish the responses to the Call for Evidence but it may still be published or disclosed in accordance with the access to information regimes (these are primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the UK General Data Protection Regulation, and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004).

Retention period for information collected

Responses will be retained in identifiable form for one calendar year after the Review has concluded. After this, responses will no longer be kept in an identifiable form and all personal data will be removed.

Access to personal information

You can find out if we hold any personal data about you by making a 'subject access request'. If you wish to make a subject access request, please contact:

Disclosure Team
Post point 10.24
102 petty France
London
SW1H 9AJ

data.access@justice.gov.uk

Contact Us

If you have a question about anything in this privacy notice or think that your personal data has been misused or mishandled please contact the MoJ Data Privacy Officer;

3rd Floor,
10 South Colonnade,
Canary Wharf,
London,
E14 4PU

privacy@justice.gov.uk



Complaints

When we ask you for information, we will keep to the law. If you consider that your information has been handled incorrectly, you can contact the Information Commissioner for independent advice about data protection. You can contact the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 0303 123 1113
<https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact-us>