



## Background

This document sets out the obligations of Care101 Ltd (“the “Company”) with regard to data protection and the rights of people with whom it works in respect of their personal data under the Data Protection Act 1998 (“the Act”).

This Policy shall set out procedures which are to be followed when dealing with personal data. The procedures set out herein must be followed by the Company, its employees, contractors, agents, partners or any other parties working on behalf of the Company.

Using this policy, the Company shall ensure that it handles all personal data both correctly and lawfully.

## Principles

This Policy aims to ensure compliance with the Act, which sets out the following principles with regard to the handling personal data.

All personal data must...

- Be processed fairly and lawfully, and shall not be processed unless certain conditions are met
- Be obtained only for specified and lawful purposes and shall not be processed in any manner which is incompatible with those purposes
- Be adequate, relevant and not excessive with respect to the purposes for which it is processed
- Be accurate and, where appropriate, kept up-to-date
- Be kept for no longer than is necessary in light of the purpose(s) for which it is processed
- Be processed in accordance with the rights of data subjects under the Act
- Be protected against unauthorised or unlawful processing, accidental loss, destruction or damage through appropriate technical and organisational measures

## Rights of Data Subjects

Under the Act, data subjects have...

- The right to be informed that their personal data is being processed
- The right to access any of their personal data held by the Company within 40 days of making a request
- The right to prevent the processing of their personal data in limited circumstances
- The right to rectify, block, erase or destroy incorrect personal data

## Personal Data

Personal data is defined as data which relates to a living individual who can be identified from that data or from that data and other information which is in the possession of, or is likely to come into the possession of, the data controller, and includes any expression of opinion about the individual and any indication of the intentions of the data controller or any other person in respect of the individual.

The Act additionally defines “sensitive personal data” as personal data relating to the racial or ethnic origin of the data subject; their political opinions; their religious (or similar) beliefs; trade union membership; their physical or mental health condition; their sexual life; the commission or alleged commission by them of any offence; or any proceedings for any offence committed or alleged to have been committed by them, the disposal of such proceedings or the sentence of any court in such proceedings.

The Company only holds personal data which is directly relevant to its dealings with a given data subject. That data will be held and processed in accordance with the data protection principles and with this Policy. The following are examples of the data held and processed by the Company from time to time (other relevant data may also be held)...

- Personal contact details, name, address, telephone, email address
- Proof of ID including passport, address and other identifying information
- Qualifications
- Disclosure & Barring Service information
- Reference information
- Payment details
- Details of clients

## Processing Personal Data

Any and all personal data collected by the Company is collected in order to ensure that the Company can facilitate efficient transactions with third parties including, but not limited to its staff, clients, partners and regulators. Personal data shall also be used by the Company in meeting any and all relevant obligations imposed by law.

Personal data may be disclosed within the Company but under no circumstance will it be passed to any individual within (or outside) the Company that does not reasonably require access to it, with respect to the purpose(s) for which it was collected and is being processed.

The Company shall ensure that...

- All personal data collected and processed for and on behalf of the Company by any party is collected and processed fairly and lawfully
- Data subjects are made fully aware of the reasons for the collection of personal data and are given details of the purpose for which the data will be used
- Personal data is only collected to the extent that is necessary to fulfil the stated purpose(s)
- All personal data is accurate at the time of collection and kept accurate and up-to-date while it is being held and / or processed
- No personal data is held for any longer than necessary in light of the stated purpose(s)
- All personal data is held in a safe and secure manner, taking all appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect the data
- All personal data is transferred using secure means, electronically or otherwise
- No personal data is transferred outside of the UK or EEA (as appropriate) without first ensuring that appropriate safeguards are in place in the destination country or territory
- All data subjects can exercise their rights set out above and more fully in the Act.

## Data Protection Procedures

The Company shall ensure that all of its employees, agents, partners or other parties working on behalf of the Company comply with the following when processing personal data...

- Personal data should be transmitted in the most appropriate way and using the appropriate security protocols
- All hardcopies of personal data should be stored securely in a locked box, drawer, cabinet or similar
- All electronic copies of personal data should be stored securely using passwords and suitable data encryption, where possible on a drive or server which cannot be accessed via the internet
- All passwords used to protect personal data should be changed regularly and should not use words or phrases which can be easily guessed or otherwise compromised
- For the purpose of data recovery, backups may be held, but must be treated in the same secure way as the primary system.

## Organisational Measures

The Company shall ensure that the following measures are taken with respect to the collection, holding and processing of personal data...

- A designated officer (“the Designated Officer”) within the Company shall be appointed with the specific responsibility of overseeing data protection and ensuring compliance with the Act
- All employees, agents, partners or other parties working on behalf of the Company are made fully aware of both their individual responsibilities and the Company’s responsibilities under the Act and shall be furnished with a copy of this Policy
- All employees, agents, partners or other parties working on behalf of the Company handling personal data will be appropriately trained to do so
- All employees, agents, partners or other parties working on behalf of the Company handling personal data will be appropriately supervised
- Methods of collecting, holding and processing personal data shall be regularly evaluated and reviewed
- The Performance of those employees, agents, partners or other parties working on behalf of the Company handling personal data shall be regularly evaluated and reviewed.
- All employees, agents, partners or other parties working on behalf of the Company handling personal data will be bound to do so in accordance with the principles of the Act and this Policy by contract. Failure by any employee to comply with the principles or this Policy shall constitute a disciplinary offence. In all cases, failure to comply with the principles or this Policy may also constitute a criminal offence under the Act.
- All employees, agents, partners or other parties working on behalf of the Company handling personal data must ensure that any and all of their employees who are involved in the processing of personal data are held to the same conditions as those relevant employees of the Company arising out of this Policy and the Act.
- Where any employee, agent, partner or other party working on behalf of the Company handling personal data fails in their obligations under this Policy that party shall indemnify and hold harmless the Company against any costs, liability, damages, loss, claims or proceedings which may arise out of that failure.

## Access by Data Subjects

A data subject may make a subject access request ("SAR") at any time to see the information which the Company holds about them.

- SARs must be made in writing
- Upon receipt of a SAR the Company shall have a maximum period of 40 days within which to respond.

The following information will be provided to the data subject...

- Whether or not the Company holds any personal data on the data subject
- A description of any personal data held on the data subject
- Details of what that personal data is used for
- Details of any third-party organisations that personal data is passed to

## Notification to the Information Commissioner's Office

As a data controller, the Company is required to notify the Information Commissioner's Office that it is processing personal data. The Company is registered under the Data Protection act and this is reviewed on an annual basis.

## Questions

If you have any questions please contact the office on the number below, or e-mail [admin@Care101.co.uk](mailto:admin@Care101.co.uk) with the details.