

Privacy Notice – Job Applicants – Autism Initiatives Group of Companies.

As part of any recruitment process, the organisation collects and processes personal data relating to job applicants. The organisation is committed to being transparent about how it collects and uses that data and to meeting its data protection obligations.

Who is the Controller of my data and how do I contact them?

You are applying for a post with Autism Initiatives UK. Autism Initiatives UK is responsible for the personal information you supply and which is generated as a result of your job application. Autism Initiatives UK has its registered office at Petersfield, Sefton House, Bridle Road, Bootle, L30 4XR. Autism Initiatives UK is a company within the Autism Initiatives Group (AIG) and as the recruiter will control your personal information. In some cases gathering and storing data crosses the Group. For the purposes of this notice we will use the term AIG to cover all the companies within the Group regardless of which one you are applying to work for.

The data regulator for the region within which Autism Initiatives UK operates is the Scottish Information Commissioner, whose contact details are at the end of this notice. In the case of all the companies in the Autism Initiatives Group the elected supervisory authority is the UK Information Commissioner whose details can also be found at the end of this notice

Who is the Data Protection Lead in the organisation and how do I contact them?

The Data Protection Lead in the organisation is the Group Legal Adviser, Anne MacRandal, based at Autism Initiatives NI, Linden House, Beechill Road, Belfast, BT7 8QN. She may be contacted on 02890 699130 or at anne.macrandal@ai-ni.co.uk. The role of the Data Protection Lead is to independently oversee the organisation's data activities. If you have queries or complaints about how your personal data is being handled, and your line manager has not been able to resolve this for you, you can contact the Data Protection Lead for assistance.

Why do you need my personal information?

Your personal information is primarily gathered and processed to enable your application to our organisation to be processed. We will only gather such information as is necessary for this purpose. Such information includes:

- Your name, address and contact details, including your email address and telephone number.
- Details of your relevant qualifications and training.
- Details of your employment history.
- Whether you have a disability for which we need to make a reasonable adjustment during the recruitment process.
- Information about your entitlement to work in the UK.
- Details of any required registrations.
- Details of your suitability to drive (if this is required as part of the role).
- Details of criminal records.
- Reference request details.

Monitoring information for equal opportunities reasons will be sought and this will include your gender, age band, whether or not you have a disability, the impact of your disability so that reasonable adjustments can be considered, your ethnic origin and, in Northern Ireland, your religion and marital status. All of this information on the monitoring return will be kept separate from the application form and accessed only for monitoring purposes.

What if I do not want to provide my personal data?

You are under no obligation to provide data to the organisation during the recruitment process. However if you do not provide the information requested, the organisation may not be able to process your application properly or at all.

How is information about me collected?

The organisation may collect information about you in a variety of ways. For example, via your application form or CV, from your passport, driving licence or other identity documentation, qualification certificates or via the interview process or from other forms of assessment.

The organisation will also collect personal data about you from third parties, such as references supplied by former employers, professional registers and information from criminal record checks. The organisation will seek information from third parties once a job offer has been made.

Where is my personal information stored?

Your personal data will be stored on systems within the control of AIG and these may be electronic or paper-based, or a combination of both.

Who has access to my personal information?

Your personal information should be seen only by whoever has a legitimate need to see it. Where sensitive information is concerned, access will be strictly controlled to only those who need access.

The organisation takes the security of your data seriously. It has internal policies and controls in place to ensure that your data is not lost, accidentally destroyed, misused or disclosed and is not accessed except by our employees in the proper performance of their duties.

In some cases it is necessary to pass your data to external processors. This may be to fulfil legitimate business obligations (AIG's legitimate interests as an employer and service provider), or to meet statutory requirements and may include such external providers as: banks, solicitors, insurers, insurance brokers, loss assessors, loss adjusters, claims investigators, pension providers, benefit providers, IT systems providers, Care Inspectorate, Local Authorities, NHS, Disclosure Scotland, SSSC, the Police, Foreign Office, Occupational Health Departments, and similar where this is necessary.

How does the organisation safeguard my personal information when a third party is processing it?

Any outside processor who carries out personal data processing functions for AIG shall be subject to the written instructions of AIG and strict processing rules. Any transfer of data outside of the European Economic Area must be done in accordance with strict security measures which comply with the GDPR or where this doesn't exist, comply with the Data Protection Regulations in that region. You have a right of recourse against such outside processors.

How long do you keep my personal information for?

If your application for employment is unsuccessful, the organisation will hold your data for six months after the end of the relevant recruitment process and may consider it for suitable future job opportunities during that time. At the end of that period, or once you withdraw your consent, your data is deleted or destroyed.

If your application for employment is successful, personal data gathered during the recruitment process will be transferred to your personnel file and retained

during your employment and then retained thereafter in line with retention times set in law, those which accord with good practice and/or those which are appropriate for the specific and legitimate business of AIG.

What rights do I have as the owner of the personal information?

As a data subject, you have a number of rights. You can:

- access and obtain a copy of your data on request;
- require the organisation to change incorrect or incomplete data;
- require the organisation to delete or stop processing your data, for example where the data is no longer necessary for the purposes of processing; and
- object to the processing of your data where the organisation is relying on its legitimate interests as the legal ground for processing.

If you would like to exercise any of these rights, please contact Anne MacRandal at anne.macrandal@ai-ni.co.uk.

If you believe that the organisation has not complied with your data protection rights, we would ask that you let us know to see if we can put things right for you.

If I want to make a Subject Access Request (SAR) what do I do?

A request to access your data - known as a Subject Access Request (SAR) should be made in writing to the Data Protection Lead, specifying what data you would like to see. We will deal with most access requests within one month of receipt.

Do you make automated decisions about me from my personal information?

AIG does not make automated recruitment decisions but if this became applicable we will always ensure that a real person also checks the details of that decision before we act upon it.

Do you undertake profiling from personal information you hold about me?

Statistical profiling may be carried out by AIG wherein you are not identifiable. If AIG carries out profiling internally where you are identifiable the profiling results will not be shared outside of Autism Initiatives Group and its lawful processors. If required by law or regulation we may be required to provide profiling information to third parties which identifies you.

What if I want to make a complaint about the way that you are handling my personal information?

You have the right to lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Lead if you have any issues about how your information is being or has been handled. The Data Protection Lead is entirely independent of the organisation when acting in the Data Protection Lead role. Contact details are: Anne MacRandal, Autism Initiatives NI, Linden House, Beechill Road, Belfast, BT7 8QN, and:

anne.macrandal@ai-ni.co.uk. 02890 699130.

If the Data Protection Lead cannot resolve this for you to your satisfaction, or, if you wish to take the matter further, you can refer to the supervisory authority.

How do I contact the supervisory authority – the Information Commissioner?

In the case of all the companies in the Autism Initiatives Group the supervisory authority is the UK Information Commissioner (ICO). Please note that this is the elected regulator for the whole of the organisation. Staff may seek advice or make a complaint by contacting the ICO:

UK Information Commissioner (ICO).
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Helpline 0303 1231113, or, 01625 545745.

Textline 01625 545860

Website www.ico.org.uk

Scotland: Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife. KY16 9DS. Telephone: 01334 464610. Email: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

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