



Privacy Notice

Counter Terrorism – Channel Programme (Updated)

All of the information you give us will be kept safe and secure whether it is written or on a computer system. We will treat any personal information confidentially and will comply with the Data Protection Act 2018. This means that, if we keep any of your personal data we must:

- tell you what information we need to collect from you
- only use the information for the reason we have agreed with you
- not ask for more information than we need to provide the services
- let you see any information we have collected about you, on request
- keep the information safe, secure and confidential
- personal information will be deleted in accordance with council policy

About Us

Channel was first piloted in 2007 and rolled out across England and Wales in April 2012. Channel is a programme which focuses on providing support at an early stage to people who are identified as being vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism. The programme uses a multi-agency approach to protect vulnerable people by:

- identifying individuals at risk
- assessing the nature and extent of that risk
- developing the most appropriate support plan for the individuals concerned

Channel may be appropriate for anyone who is vulnerable to being drawn into any form of terrorism. Channel is about ensuring that vulnerable children and adults of any faith, ethnicity or background receive support before their vulnerabilities are exploited by those that would want them to embrace terrorism, and before they become involved in criminal terrorist related activity.

Success of the programme is very much dependent on the co-operation and co-ordinated activity of partners. It works best when the individuals and their families fully engage with the programme and are supported in a consistent manner.

Cumbria County Council has a statutory duty under section 36 to 41 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 to provide support for people vulnerable to being drawn into any form of terrorism.

Consent

The default for panel partners when determining what information can be shared should be to consider seeking the consent of the individual (or their parent/guardian). In some circumstances, consent from the individual will not be sought at this early stage. This will be dependent on the circumstances of the case but may relate to issues such as the health of the individual, law enforcement or protection of the public.

Where consent cannot be sought, information sharing may take place if any of the exemptions to the various legislative provisions restricting information sharing applies, and it will need to be made explicit in the record of the case by a panel partner which exemption or gateway is being relied upon.

A list of relevant legislation can be found at Annex A: [Channel Duty Guidance: Protecting vulnerable people from being drawn into terrorism.](#)

In the event that you do not provide your consent please be aware that all reasonable efforts will be made to comply, however we may be required to hold or use your information in accordance with legal requirements. Where data is jointly controlled or owned by the Home Office this will be discussed with them direct and as such may affect your eligibility for support.

Data Collection

In the course of delivering our responsibilities under the Channel Programme we collect the following personal information about you, either when you provide it to us or from another member of the Channel Panel.

Data Categories

The following data is required to meet legal obligations and to enable officers to reach informed and robust recommendations and decisions:

- name
- address
- date of birth
- contact details
- relevant family member and associate details
- gender
- first language

We may also collect, store and use the following 'special categories' of more sensitive personal information:

- relevant medical information (if applicable)
- religious beliefs (if applicable)
- relevant Social Care information
- ethnicity
- criminal records and conviction data

Legal Basis for Processing Data

When we collect your personal data (such as name, age, address) we rely on the following legal bases:

- **GDPR Article 6(1)(a):** the data subject has given consent to the processing of his or her personal data for one or more specific purposes
- **GDPR Article 6(1)(c):** processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject
- **GDPR Article 6(1)(e):** processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller

Where the council is relying on GDPR Article 6(1)(c) all [Relevant Legislation](#) is listed below.

When we collect your 'special categories of personal data', (such as health, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation) we rely on the following legal bases:

- **GDPR Article 9(2)(g):** processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest

Relevant Legislation

These legal bases above are underpinned by acts of legislation that dictate what actions can and should be taken by local authorities, including:

- Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015

Data Sharing

As part of the Channel process, personal information is shared securely and only where strictly necessary. Relevant information will be sought from other agencies as appropriate to inform our assessment. Where there is a need this will be discussed at a multi-agency panel to consider whether intervention support should be offered.

The information will only be shared with relevant agencies. This may include:

- Police;
- National Health Service (NHS);
- Home Office or other central government departments (where required);
- Immigration;
- Probation;

- other local councils;
- schools/colleges

We will share personal information with law enforcement or other authorities if required to do so by applicable law.

We do not sell your information to other organisations. We do not move your information beyond the UK. We do not use your information for automated decision making.

We will sometimes need to share the information we have with other parts of the council or other public bodies or organisations. The council will make all reasonable efforts to contact you if this processing is going to have an impact on rights or privacy.

Further information can be found at: <https://blackburn.gov.uk/data-and-information/privacy-policy>

Data Security and Retention

The information you supply will be kept on a secure council system and can only be accessed by authorised employees within the Localities and Prevention Team (Prevent).

Your personal information will be deleted, if appropriate, in accordance with the council's Retention and Disposal Schedule.

Complaints

If you have any concerns about the information contained in this Privacy Notice please contact:

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If you have concerns about the way the council has processed your data please contact our Data Protection Officer via dataprotection@cumbria.gov.uk.

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