Fair Processing Notice for Prospective Mini Pupils

Queen Square Chambers collect data and information about our prospective mini pupils so that we can assess your suitability. This Fair Processing Notice explains what data we process, why we process it, our legal basis, how long we keep it and the rights of prospective pupils. This information will enable you to make an informed choice about whether or not you choose to apply for a position at Queen Square Chambers.

We will always make sure that our prospective mini pupil's information is protected and treated securely. Any information that we process will be held in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the Data Protection Act 2018 and other UK or EU data protection legislation

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What data do we process?

We process the following personal data:

- name, email address, phone number and contact details;
- CV
- a record of the information that is provided to us, including any data on ethnicity, religious beliefs, political views, trade union membership, sex life or sexuality or genetic/biometric information and any data revealing your physical or mental health;
- any criminal convictions or offenses, including cautions; and
- a record of any complaints/compliments made by you and the action taken in respect of any such complaint/compliments.
- Work experience, education and skills.
- Documentary evidence of any relevant qualifications.
- Any other information you disclose in support of your application, which may include medical information in support of mitigating circumstances; and
- Data revealing your ethnicity and any disability for our Equality and Diversity programme.

We obtain this information from you when you apply directly to us.

We collect information about our prospective mini-pupils when they apply a position with us and we process it during the selection process. If you are a successful candidate, the personal data collected and processed will be used to assist in choosing what cases you may see during your mini-pupillage and / or contacting you to make practical arrangements before and during your placement. We also keep a record of successful applicants so that we can verify a mini-pupillage if required and / or requested.

Why do we need to process personal data on our prospective mini pupils?

We need to process personal data about our prospective pupils in order to assess your suitability as a candidate, to verify any placement in the future, and in case of any employment tribunal claims.

Our legal basis for processing personal data

By law, we need a legal basis for processing the personal data we will request from you. We will process your data using the legal basis of consent, legal obligation and legitimate interests.

Consent

Consent is given where we ask you for permission to use your information in a specific way and you agree to this. Where we use your information for a purpose based on consent, you have the right to withdraw consent for this purpose at any time. For example, you apply for a position with us because you wish to.

Legitimate interests

We have a basis to use your personal information if it is reasonably necessary for us to do so and in our “legitimate interests” (provided that what the information is used for is fair and does not unduly impact your rights).

For example, we have a legitimate interest to keep your personal data on our systems in order to keep it secure, process it and to provide you with a service.

We only rely on legitimate interests where we have considered any potential impact on you, whether or not our processing is excessive and that our processing does not override your rights.

You have the right to object to our processing your personal data because of our legitimate interests. Please contact us if you have any concerns.

Special Categories of Data

Special categories of personal data are data revealing race/ethnic origin, religious beliefs, political views, trade union membership, sex life or sexual orientation, health or genetic/biometric information. We will process this type of information about you only if we are required to do so and if we have a specific exemption under the GDPR, which are: your explicit consent or if we are required to do so for employment law purposes.

We process the following personal data with the **explicit consent** of the prospective mini pupil for Equality and Diversity purposes and you have the right to withdraw your consent at any time:

- data revealing racial background or health

We process the following personal data with the **explicit consent** of the prospective mini pupil, if the prospective mini pupil needs reasonable adjustments and you have the right to withdraw your consent at any time:

- data concerning health

We process the following personal data with the **explicit consent** of the prospective mini pupil, if the prospective mini pupil wishes us to take account of medically-based extenuating circumstances and you have the right to withdraw your consent at any time:

- data concerning health

In the case of any disputes, we will process the following personal data because we have a legitimate interest and the processing is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims:

- all personal data will be shared, as required, with our legal advisors and our insurers

We will process the following personal data because it is a **legitimate activity**:

- collect your personal data during the selection process to assess your suitability.

- hold your application and all data collected during the selection process for twelve months in the unlikely event of any employment tribunal claims.

- hold your name and the dates of your placement so that we can verify your placement at a later date (for example, if you apply to us or another organisation and rely on your mini pupillage as part of your application);

- store your personal data securely on servers and in the cloud.

- require documentary evidence of any relevant qualifications; and

- obtain references for you.

You have the right to object to our process because of our legitimate interests. Please contact us if you have any concerns.

We will process the following personal data with your **consent**, and you have the right to withdraw your consent at any time:

- Your application to us; and

- We will hold your application for twelve months if you are not successful and wish us to hold your application for any future positions.

How long do we hold the personal data of our prospective mini pupils?

We hold all records of an unsuccessful prospective pupil for twelve months in the unlikely event of any complaints.

If you are successful, your application will be retained until twelve months after the completion of your mini pupillage. Your name and the dates of your placement will be retained in perpetuity.

Who do we share your data with?

We share data with:

- The Home Office for right to work checks, if required;
- Our insurance providers, if required;
- Our legal advisors, if required;
- Barristers at Queen Square Chambers; and
- Our software and cloud service providers.

Data transfers out of the EU or EEA

We do not transfer any personal data of pupils out of the EU or EEA.

Automated decision making

No decision will be made about you solely on the basis of automated decision making (where a decision is taken about you using an electronic system without human involvement) which has a significant impact on you.

Rights of prospective mini pupils under the GDPR

Your rights

You have rights in respect of our processing of your personal data which are:

- To access to your personal data and information about our processing of it. You also have the right to request a copy of your personal data (but we will need to remove information about other people).
- To rectify incorrect personal data that we are processing.
- To request that we erase your personal data if:
  - we no longer need it;
  - if we are processing your personal data by consent and you withdraw that consent;
  - if we no longer have a legitimate ground to process your personal data; or
  - we are processing your personal data unlawfully
- To object to our processing if it is by legitimate interest.
- To restrict our processing if it was by legitimate interest.
- To request that your personal data be transferred from us to another company if we were processing your data under a contract or with your consent and the processing is carried out automated means.

If you want to exercise any of these rights, please contact us.

If you have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, please raise your concern with us in the first instance. You may also contact the Information Commissioner's Office at https://ico.org.uk/concerns/.

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