

Privacy notice 09: KFRS housing

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This notice is one of a set which explain what data we collect, store and process to provide our services to customers. It also sets out the legal basis we are using for collecting the data stated.

It should be read alongside the related privacy notices listed below, all of which can be found here: <https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/privacy-policy>

- Privacy notice 01: Applications for employment
- Privacy notice 02: Employees and volunteers
- Privacy notice 03: Primary employment
- Privacy notice 04: Secondary employment
- Privacy notice 05: Medical records
- Privacy notice 06: Grievances, employment complaints and whistleblowing
- Privacy notice 07: Former KFRS employees
- Privacy notice 08: Learning and development
- Privacy notice 10: Disciplinary and capability procedures
- Privacy notice 11: Pensions administration
- Privacy notice 12: Insurance
- Privacy notice 26: Videos and images at incidents (employees and volunteers)
- Privacy notice 28: Videos and images at events (employees and volunteers)
- The overall privacy notice
- The breach process contained in Annex 1 of the Data Protection and Information Security Policy which sets out what we will do should any data we collect be lost or misused. This can be found here: <https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/freedom-information-foi>

Our contact details

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Why we collect and use personal data

This notice covers the personal data we will collect and process for the purposes of creating and managing occupancy agreements for those employees who are provided with KFRS houses.

For operational reasons, we maintain a small number of houses within the turn-in area of some stations across Kent and Medway. These houses are provided under an occupancy agreement entered into with some operational colleagues while they serve at that fire station.

The types of personal data we collect and process

As part of the contract of employment, if your role is allocated a house owned by the Authority you will be asked to enter into an occupancy agreement with us. This agreement will include personal and identifiable information about you, including your name, home address, address of provided housing (if different) and any relevant clauses related to your circumstances or those of the house.

Our lawful reasons for collecting and processing personal data

The lawful bases for processing personal data are set out in [Article 6\(1\) of the UK GDPR](#).

These are as follows:

(a) Consent: the individual has given clear consent for you to process their personal data for a specific purpose.

(b) Contract: the processing is necessary for a contract you have with the individual, or because they have asked you to take specific steps before entering into a contract.

(c) Legal obligation: the processing is necessary for you to comply with the law (not including contractual obligations).

(d) Vital interests: the processing is necessary to protect someone's life.

(e) Public task: the processing is necessary for you to perform a task in the public interest or for your official functions, and the task or function has a clear basis in law.

(ea) Recognised legitimate interests: the processing is necessary for the purposes of a recognised legitimate interest. These conditions are set out in Schedule 4, Annex 1 of the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025, which was added to the UK GDPR in 2025.

This additional lawful basis was implemented through Section 70 of the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025.

(f) Legitimate interests: the processing is necessary for your legitimate interests or the legitimate interests of a third party, unless there is a good reason to protect the individual's personal data which overrides those legitimate interests. NB: This cannot apply if you are a public authority processing data to perform your official tasks.

In order to creating and managing occupancy agreements for those employees who are provided with KFRS houses we will rely on the following lawful basis:

- **Contract** as set out in [Article 6\(1\)\(b\) of the UK GDPR](#). As part of the contract of employment, your role may be allocated a house owned by the Authority and as part of this you will be asked to enter into an occupancy agreement with us.

Special category data

[Article 9 of the UK GDPR](#) covers special category data. Special category data is personal data that needs more protection because it is sensitive. The nine types of special category data are as follows:

- personal data revealing racial or ethnic origin;
- personal data revealing political opinions;
- personal data revealing religious or philosophical beliefs;
- personal data revealing trade union membership;
- genetic data;
- biometric data (where used for identification purposes);
- data concerning health;
- data concerning a person's sex life
- data concerning a person's sexual orientation

However, none of the data listed above would be collected as part of this processing, meaning the additional responsibilities necessitated when processing Article 9 special category data are not applicable to this context.

Who might we share your data with?

We will share your personal data with third parties where required by law, where it is necessary for us to fulfil our contractual or legal obligations to you as your employer or to exercise our legal rights. For example, details of the tenancy may be shared with Customs and Excise under our legal duty to ensure employees are appropriately taxed while employed by us.

We will only share your personal data to the extent needed for these purposes and we will obtain assurance from those third parties of the integrity of their data security arrangements.

Where is the data stored?

Occupancy agreements and any associated data are stored within KFRS' document management system, which is hosted on a cloud-based server system. Access to the data is restricted to those that require it for their role.

How long will we hold your data for?

Personal data related to occupancy agreements for KFRS houses will be held in accordance with the periods set out in section 1 of KFRS' Publication and Retention Scheme (<https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/freedom-information-foi>)

What are my data protection rights?

Under data protection law, you have the following rights:

Your right of access

You have the right to ask us for copies of your personal information. You can ask to see it by making a subject access request. Guidance for making a request is available here: <https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/freedom-information-foi>

Your right to rectification

You have the right to ask us to rectify personal information you think is inaccurate. You also have the right to ask us to complete information you think is incomplete.

Your right to erasure

You have the right to ask us to erase your personal information in certain circumstances.

Your right to restriction of processing

You have the right to ask us to restrict the processing of your personal information in certain circumstances.

Your right to object to processing

You have the the right to object to the processing of your personal information in certain circumstances.

You are not required to pay any charge for exercising your rights. If you make a request, we have one month to respond to you.

If you wish to make a request, please contact us at:

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How to complain

If you have any concerns about our use of your personal information, you can make a complaint to us using the contact information above.

You can also complain to the ICO if you are unhappy with how we have used your data.

The ICO's address:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 1113

ICO website: <https://www.ico.org.uk>