

**Hampshire County Council Children's Social Care:
Fostering Service (Foster Carers) – Privacy Notice for Individual Foster Carer membership with
Fostertalk**

This Privacy Notice is specific to the individual membership with Fostertalk that Hampshire County Council purchases for you to support you in your role as a foster carer.

Hampshire County Council is the Data Controller for the purpose of collecting and using information from you, wider family members and other professionals and agencies (such as health and education services, voluntary agencies and the police) in order to carry out our statutory functions around providing fostering services and this is outlined in detail in the 'Hampshire County Council Children's Social Care: Fostering Service (Foster Carers) – Privacy Notice'.

<http://documents.hants.gov.uk/education/privacy-notices/GDPRCSDPN-FosteringPrivacyNotice-FosterCarers.docx>

Your Personal Data is shared under Article 6(1)(c) and Article 9(2)(g) of the GDPR, implemented by Schedule 1, part 2, paragraph 6 of the Data Protection Act 1998 in accordance with our obligation under Regulation 17 of The Fostering Services (England) Regulations 2011 to provide foster parents with such training, advice, information and support, including support outside office hours, as appears necessary in the interests of children placed with them.

We wish to share data with Fostertalk for the purpose of providing you with an individual membership which includes:

- Legal Expenses Insurance cover – including 24 hr legal helpline and Legal Representation at police interview under caution,
- Social Work Support Helpline, Counselling/Support Helpline,
- Tax/Accountancy/Benefits Helpline,
- Personal Finances Helpline (mortgages & retirement planning),
- Access to online discounts on lifestyle products and services,
- Education Helpline and access to online learning website,
- Medical Information Helpline,
- Access to members area of FosterTalk website including online forums,
- FosterTalk quarterly magazine, Monthly E-Newsletter "SmallTalk".

Your Personal Data will be securely stored and disposed of in accordance with Fostertalk's data retention policy - <https://www.fostertalk.org/privacy-policy/>

The Personal Data that we will share with Fostertalk will include your personal and contact details such as title; full name; address; date of birth; age; sex; nationality; telephone and mobile numbers; email address; and details regarding your foster carer approval. The Personal Data will be shared using secure methods of transfer to be agreed between the parties prior to any transfer taking place.

Requesting access to your personal data and your rights

Under data protection legislation, individuals have the right to request access to information about them that we hold. To make a request for your personal information, or someone you have responsibility for, please contact the Children's Services Department's Subject Access Request (SAR) Team, whose contact details alongside further information around this process can be found via:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/accessrecords>

You also have the right to:

- prevent processing for the purpose of direct marketing;
- object to decisions being taken by solely automated means;
- in certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data rectified, blocked, erased or destroyed; and
- claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the Data Protection regulations.

Please note that under the GDPR, there is also a right to erasure but the right to erasure does not provide an absolute 'right to be forgotten'. Where the data being processed is for the purpose of 'performing a task in the public interest or for our official functions, and the task or function has a clear basis in law' (Article 6(1)(e)), this right does not automatically apply.

If you have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, you can raise your concern with us in the first instance or you can go directly to the Information Commissioner's Office, as the supervisory authority, at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>.

Contact Details

If you would like more information about these services, please visit our website via:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/adoptionandfostering>

For further information on how we handle personal information, your data rights, how to raise a concern about the way we are processing your information and the County Council's Data Protection Officer, please see our General Privacy Notice:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/strategiesplansandpolicies/dataprotection>