

How we use personal information for the Fire Setter Intervention Programme

At DSFRS we have a youth intervention strategy; designed to reduce fire risk and fire crime through education. Our activities include the Fire Setter Intervention Programme which has been running since 1995 and is designed to advise children and young people with firesetting behaviour. The aim of the Scheme is to help children and young people understand and control the feelings and circumstances that lead them to set fires.

Type of Data

We hold the following personal information about those involved in the programme:

- name, address and date of birth of the child or young person
- names and addresses of the responsible adult.
- information relating to the instances of fire setting (such as referral information, assessment information, details of history of setting fires, dates and details of the interventions that we have carried out.)
- relevant characteristics of the child or young person, such as special educational needs, behavioural information or disabilities

We use the data to:

- prevent and reduce fire crime and firesetting by children and young people up to the age of 18.
- record and evaluate our work
- derive statistics which inform decisions about how we improve safety and support the development of our staff
- help you contact other services which may benefit you or improve your safety
- deliver and manage safety courses and services for young people

Our Lawful Basis

The Fire Services Act 2004 requires DSFRS to provide fire safety advice and our youth intervention strategy is part of our Community Safety prevention work. To enable a child to be part of this education programme; the collection and use of personal data is done so with the explicit consent of the parent or carer (Article 9 (a) of GDPR). Processing the personal information of participants in the Firesetter Programme is necessary for this public interest function.

Sharing Information

We have a responsibility to promote social wellbeing and prevent harm. To ensure you receive relevant services and we improve our own, we often work with other authorities, agencies and partners including;

- Community organisations
- Council social and educational services
- Police and other emergency services
- Health services

If we identify a safeguarding concern as part of our engagement, we have a legal obligation to work with our statutory partners to safeguard children under the Children and Social Work Act 2017. We will therefore share our concerns with the most appropriate partner

How long its kept

All information is stored on a database and is subject to our information security controls and policies.

In most cases, we will keep FireSetter data until the young person's 18th birthday. If a Special Educational Needs / Education Health & Care Plan is in place, the information will be kept until the young person's 26th birthday. After this time it will be securely disposed of.