

How we use personal information for the purposes of safeguarding

At DSFRS we have a responsibility to safeguard adults and children at risk that we identify through our operations as a fire and rescue service.

Type of Data

We hold the following personal information about those individuals for whom either safeguarding or welfare concerns have been raised:

- name, address and date of birth of the adult or child
- names and addresses of a responsible adult (i.e Social Worker).
- information relating to any personal risk to the adult or child
- relevant characteristics of the adult or child, such as special educational needs, behavioural information or disabilities

We use the data to:

- prevent harm to, and promote the welfare of adults and children at risk.
- 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

Our Lawful Basis

The Care Act 2014 and Children's Act 2004 places a responsibility on organisations to work effectively in partnership to safeguard and promote the welfare of adults and children at.

Article 6(1)(d) of the General Data Protection regulation (2018) provides a lawful basis for processing where processing is necessary in order to protect the vital interests of the data subject or of another natural person.

Fire and Rescue services must have regard to the Fire and Rescue National Framework that sets out priorities, objectives and guidance in connection with the discharge of their functions.

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 adults and children at risk.

If we identify a welfare concern as part of our engagement we obtain your consent before sharing any information.

How long its kept

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

We will keep safeguarding information for 10 years following the last action we have taken to ensure your personal safety. After this time it will be securely disposed of.