

How we use your Information

We make sure all the personal information we hold about people is secure and will only share it in special circumstances

Data sharing in child sexual exploitation cases

We've got a duty under Section 10 of the [Children Act 2004](#) to cooperate with other services to improve the wellbeing of children and young people. This includes sharing information, where appropriate, to make the best decisions for children and young people who are at risk.

Information is used to keep children safe through the prevention, disruption and detection of child sexual exploitation offences.

Partners we may share information with:

- Police
- Health
- Dorset County Council Social Care
- Borough of Poole Social Care
- Local authority housing services
- Local authority education services including schools

If we're notified about child sexual exploitation or a child being at risk of child sexual exploitation we will share any relevant information we have to help assess the situation for risks and decide what action and services the child may need.

We'll only hold the minimum amount of information and only share it when necessary.

Privacy notice

If there are concerns that someone may be at risk of harm it's sometimes necessary to share information about them with our partner organisations to keep them and the wider public safe.

We will normally tell you, or a parent/carer when we are going to share your information and who with. However, there are some circumstances when we may not be able to, for example, if the sharing is to prevent serious harm to a person, or to prevent or detect a crime.

Personal information will be handled according to rules set out in the [Data Protection Act 1998](#) and other relevant legislation.

We'll keep the information secure and it'll only be used and shared with the relevant people to keep children or young people safe or make sure they get the services they need.

We may also share personal information if there's a lawful reason to do so for example to detect or prevent crime, or to maintain public safety.

The parent or carer of the child involved will normally be told when the enquiry is made, unless this could put someone at risk or undermine a police investigation.

If personal information isn't needed for the reasons we first gathered it for, or for any legal reasons it will be deleted.

Everyone has a right under the Data Protection Act 1998 to request a copy of the information we have about them.