



Department
of Health &
Social Care

Privacy Notice

25 June 2023

Summary of Initiative/Policy

The survey seeks views on the use of the powers in section 20 of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 to help reduce the instances where there is no attending medical practitioner available to certify deaths on the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD).

Data Controller

DHSC is the data controller.

What personal data we collect

We will be collecting demographic information regarding profession and location.

How we use your data (purposes)

The survey will ask a question regarding the respondent's job title. This will allow us to analyse the results and understand if there is variance depending on job title. The survey will also ask a question regarding location, this is to understand if the data we collect is representative of all of England and Wales and to understand if there is a regional variance in responses. Responses to non-personal data questions regarding what the criteria should be to complete an MCCD in the future will be used to inform draft regulations.

Legal basis for processing personal data

Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the lawful bases we rely on for processing this information are: [delete as appropriate]

- **Article 6 (1) (e)** Processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller

Data Processors and other recipients of personal data

N/A

International data transfers and storage location(s)

Data will be processed and held in the UK.

Retention and disposal policy

Information will be kept for one year to inform draft regulations.

How we keep your data secure

Data will be held on secure DHSC platforms.

Your rights as a data subject

By law, data subjects have a number of rights and this processing does not take away or reduce these rights under the EU General Data Protection Regulation (2016/679) and the UK Data Protection Act 2018 applies.

These rights are:

1. The right to get copies of information – individuals have the right to ask for a copy of any information about them that is used.
2. The right to get information corrected – individuals have the right to ask for any information held about them that they think is inaccurate, to be corrected
3. The right to limit how the information is used – individuals have the right to ask for any of the information held about them to be restricted, for example, if they think inaccurate information is being used.
4. The right to object to the information being used – individuals can ask for any information held about them to not be used. However, this is not an absolute right, and continued use of the information may be necessary, with individuals being advised if this is the case.
5. The right to get information deleted – this is not an absolute right, and continued use of the information may be necessary, with individuals being advised if this is the case.

Comments or complaints

Anyone unhappy or wishing to complain about how personal data is used as part of this programme, should contact data_protection@dhsc.gov.uk in the first instance or write to:

Data Protection Officer
1st Floor North
39 Victoria Street
London
SW1H 0EU

Anyone who is still not satisfied can complain to the Information Commissioners Office. Their website address is www.ico.org.uk and their postal address is:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane

Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Automated decision making or profiling

No decision will be made about individuals solely based on automated decision making (where a decision is taken about them using an electronic system without human involvement) which has a significant impact on them.

Changes to this policy

This privacy notice is kept under regular review, and new versions will be available on our privacy notice page on our website. This privacy notice was last updated on 25 May 2023.

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