

PRIVACY NOTICE

Requests for information (under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004)

Your privacy is important to us. This privacy statement explains what personal data Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service collects about you and how we store and use that data.

What information we collect about you

Your contact details (your name and either your postal address, telephone number and/or email address), details of your enquiry and any other relevant information you feel may help us in dealing with your request.

Why we need it

Royal Berkshire Fire Authority (the Authority) aims to ensure that the public have access to a wide range of information.

We need to collect this information in order to provide you with a response to your request for information and that the outcomes are logged for monitoring purposes to ensure compliance with the legislation.

Our legal basis for processing

It is necessary to process your personal data under article 6(1)(c) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (Necessary for compliance with a legal obligation: Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004).

What we do with it

We will only use the personal information we collect to process your enquiry and to check on the level of service we provide.

Your contact details are logged by the Information Governance Team and only the details of your request are sent to the relevant department to assess whether the request is clear, whether the information is held, and whether exemptions should be considered. They will then extract and gather the information you have requested.

We do not usually disclose your identity to the relevant department as requests for Information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 should be considered without reference to your identity or motive. However, these may be taken into account in some limited circumstances.

Sharing your information

There are a number of reasons why we may share your information outside of our Service. This can be due to:

- Our obligations to comply with current legislation
- Our duty to comply with a Court Order
- You have consented to the sharing / disclosure

We may disclose information to other agencies without consent where it is necessary, either to comply with a legal obligation, or where permitted under the General Data Protection Regulation, e.g. where the disclosure is necessary for the purposes of the prevention and/or detection of crime.

We work closely with other agencies, such as councils, health services, adult and children's services and may, for the purpose of preventing risk of harm to yourself or another an individual , share your personal information.

As a public authority, we are also subject to information rights legislation (Freedom of Information Act 2000, Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and Data Protection legislation. We do receive requests for information, however, unless there is a legal obligation to provide your personal data, information will be released in a redacted form. This means your personal data will be removed before publication so that you cannot be identified.

Your personal information will not be transferred outside of the European Union (EU).

How long we keep it and how it is stored

We will only retain information for as long as necessary. We will keep personal information in line with our retention policy. This means that personal information relating to a request for Information will be retained for two financial years (plus the current year).

We take our duty to protect your personal information and confidentiality seriously. We are committed to taking all reasonable measures to ensure the confidentiality and security of personal data for which we are responsible, whether computerised or on paper. This means that your information will be kept in a secure environment and access to it will be restricted according to the 'need to know' principle. Personal details will then be destroyed/deleted.

We do compile and publish statistics showing certain information, but not in a form which identifies anyone.

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Your rights

Under the General Data Protection Regulation you are entitled to exercise your right to object to us processing your data and obtain information that is held about you.

If at any point you believe the information we process on you is incorrect, you can request to have it corrected or deleted. Where possible we will seek to comply with your request but we may be required to hold or process information to comply with a legal requirement.

If you wish to discuss the information we hold about you, make a complaint about how we have handled your personal data or object to us processing it, you can contact our Data Protection Officer (DPO) who will investigate the matter.

Who to contact

Our Data Protection Officer is Becca Chapman and you can contact her at:

Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters

Newsham Court

Pincents Kiln

Calcot

Reading

Berkshire

RG31 7SD

(0118) 945 2888

DataProtection@rbfrs.co.uk

If you are not satisfied with our response or the way we handle your information, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO):

<https://ico.org.uk/>

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