

## DATA PROCESSING STATEMENT

**1. Nature of work – Professional Investigations and Legal Sector**

**2. Date: Reviewed 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**3. Description of Processing**

3.1. The following is an overview of the way we process personal data. To understand how your particular personal information is processed you probably need to refer to any personal communications you have received with the data controller, check any privacy notices that organisation has provided or contact the organisation to ask about your personal circumstances.

**3.2. Reasons/purposes for processing information**

We process personal information to enable us to:

- provide investigatory services and legal sector support services on the written instructions of a data controller (our client)
- to maintain our own accounts and records

**4. Type/classes of information processed**

4.1. We process information relating to the above reasons/purposes. This information may include:

- personal details
- the investigation brief, results and related information
- lifestyle and social circumstances
- family details
- goods and services
- financial details
- education and employment and/or business details

4.2. We also, but seldomly, process sensitive classes of information that may include:

- physical or mental health details
- racial or ethnic origin
- trade union membership
- religious or other beliefs
- criminality

## **5. Who the information is processed about**

- 5.1. We process personal information about:
- customers and clients, including prospective clients
  - witnesses
  - the subjects of investigations
  - business contacts
  - advisers and other professional experts
  - suppliers
  - employees

## **6. Who the information may be shared with**

6.1. We sometimes need to share the personal information we process with the individual themselves and also with other organisations. Where this is necessary, we are required to comply with every aspect of the Data Protection Act (DPA). What follows is a description of the types of organisations we may need to share some of the personal information we process with for one or more reasons.

6.2. Where appropriate, necessary or required we share information with:

- Financial organisations
- Credit reference, debt collection and tracing agencies
- Police Forces
- The Legal Sector ( our clients )
- Professional Investigators
- Government
- Business associates and other professional bodies and advisers
- Suppliers
- Current, past or prospective employers
- Education and examining bodies
- Family, associates or representatives of the person whose personal data we are processing

## **7. Trading and sharing personal information**

7.1. Personal information is traded and shared as a primary business function. Consequently, the information processed may include name, contact details, family details, financial details, employment details, and goods and services. This information may be about customers and clients.

7.2. The information may be traded or shared with business associates and professional advisers, agents, service providers, customers and clients, and traders in personal data.

## **8. Research**

- 8.1. Personal information is also processed in order to conduct research.
- 8.2. For this reason the information processed may include name, contact details, family details, lifestyle and social circumstances, financial details, goods and services.
- 8.3. The sensitive types of information may include physical or mental health details, racial or ethnic origin and religious or other beliefs.
- 8.4. This information is about survey respondents. Where necessary or required this information may be shared with customers and clients, agents, service providers, survey and research organisations.

## **9. Consulting and advisory services**

- 9.1. Information is processed for consultancy and advisory services that are offered.
- 9.2. For this reason, the information processed may include name, contact details, family details, financial details, and the goods and services provided.
- 9.3. This information may be about customers and clients.
- 9.4. Where necessary this information is shared with the data subject themselves, business associates and other professional advisers, current, past or prospective employers and service providers.

## **10. Transfers**

- 10.1. It may sometimes be necessary to transfer personal information overseas.
- 10.2. When this is needed information may be transferred to countries or territories around the world.
- 10.3. Any transfers made will be in full compliance with all aspects of the Data Protection Act 2018.