

Hook Village Halls Charitable Association (HVHCA)

Data Protection Policy and Procedures: How the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Applies to HVHCA

Introduction

We are committed to a policy of protecting the rights and privacy of individuals. We need to collect and use certain types of data in order to carry on our work of managing Hook Village Halls Charitable Association (HVHCA). This personal information must be collected and handled securely.

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which replaced the 1998 Data Protection Act on 25 May 2018, governs the use of information about people (personal data). Personal data can be held on computers, laptops and mobile devices, or in a manual file, and includes email, minutes of meetings, and photographs.

HVHCA will remain the data controller for the information held. The trustees and staff are personally responsible for processing and using personal information in accordance with the GDPR. Trustees and staff who have access to personal information will therefore be expected to read and comply with this policy.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to set out the HVHCA commitment and procedures for protecting personal data. Trustees regard the lawful and correct treatment of personal information as very important to successful working, and to maintaining the confidence of those with whom we deal with. We recognize the risks to individuals of identity theft and financial loss if personal data is lost or stolen.

The following are definitions of the terms used:

Data Controller - the trustees and staff who collectively decide what personal information HVHCA will hold and how it will be held or used.

Act means the GDPR - the legislation that requires responsible behaviour by those using personal information.

Data Protection Officer (DPO) – the person responsible for ensuring that HVHCA follows its data protection policy and complies with the GDPR.

Data Subject – the individual whose personal information is being held or processed by HVHCA, for example a hirer.

'Explicit' consent – is a freely given, specific agreement by a Data Subject to the processing of personal information about her/him. NB: any information provided by a Data Subject that has not been requested by HVHCA will be deleted/destroyed.

Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) - the ICO is responsible for implementing and overseeing the GDPR.

Processing – means collecting, amending, handling, storing or disclosing personal information.

Personal Information – information about living individuals that enables them to be identified – e.g. names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses. It does not apply to information about organizations, companies and agencies. It only applies to named persons.

The GDPR

This contains eight principles for processing personal data with which we must comply.

Personal data:

1. Shall be processed fairly and lawfully and, in particular, shall not be processed unless specific

conditions are met;

2. Shall be obtained only for one or more of the purposes specified in the GDPR, and shall not be processed in any manner incompatible with that purpose or those purposes;
3. Shall be adequate, relevant and not excessive in relation to those purpose(s);
4. Shall be accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date;
5. Shall not be kept for longer than is necessary;
6. Shall be processed in accordance with the rights of data subjects under the GDPR;
7. Shall be kept secure by the Data Controller who takes appropriate technical and other measures to prevent unauthorized or unlawful processing or accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, personal information;
8. Shall not be transferred to a country or territory outside the European Economic Area unless that country or territory ensures an adequate level of protection for the rights and freedoms of Data Subjects in relation to the processing of personal information.

Applying the GDPR within HVHCA

We will let people know why we are collecting their data, which is for the purpose of managing the Community Centre and Elizabeth Hall, their hirings and finances. It is our responsibility to ensure the data is only used for this purpose. Access to personal information will be limited to trustees and staff.

Correcting data

Individuals have a right to make a Subject Access Request (SAR) to find out whether the HVHCA holds their personal data, where, what it is used for and to have data corrected if it is wrong, to prevent use which is causing them damage or distress, or to stop marketing information being sent to them. Any SAR must be dealt with within 30 days. Steps must first be taken to confirm the identity of the individual before providing information, requiring both photo identification e.g. passport and confirmation of address e.g. recent utility bill, bank or credit card statement.

Responsibilities

HVHCA is the Data Controller under the GDPR, and is legally responsible for complying with the Regulation, which means that it determines what purposes personal information held will be used for. The trustees will take into account legal requirements and ensure that it is properly implemented and will through appropriate management, strict application of criteria and controls:

- a) Collect and use information fairly;
- b) Specify the purposes for which information is used;
- c) Collect and process appropriate information, and only to the extent that it is needed to fulfil its operational needs or to comply with any legal requirements;
- d) Ensure the quality of information used;
- e) Ensure the rights of people about whom information is held, can be exercised under the GDPR;

These include:

- i) the right to be informed that processing is undertaken;
 - ii) the right of access to one's personal information;
 - iii) the right to prevent processing in certain circumstances; and
 - iv) the right to correct, rectify, block or erase information which is regarded as wrong information.
- f) Take appropriate technical and organizational security measures to safeguard personal information;
 - g) Ensure that personal information is not transferred abroad without suitable safeguards;
 - h) Treat people justly and fairly whatever their age, religion, disability, gender, sexual orientation or ethnicity when dealing with requests for information;
 - i) Set out clear procedures for responding to requests for information.

All trustees and staff are aware that a breach of the rules and procedures identified in this policy may lead to action being taken against them.

The Data Protection Officer on the HVHCA committee is:

Name: Paul Chatt

Contact Details: email: paul.chatt@hookvillagehalls.org.uk

The Data Protection Officer will be responsible for ensuring that the policy is implemented and will have overall responsibility for:

- a) Everyone processing personal information understands that they are contractually responsible for following good data protection practice;
- b) Everyone processing personal information is appropriately trained to do so;
- c) Everyone processing personal information is appropriately supervised;
- d) Anybody wanting to make enquiries about handling personal information knows what to do;
- e) Dealing promptly and courteously with any enquiries about handling personal information;
- f) Describe clearly how the charity handles personal information;
- g) Will regularly review and audit the way it holds, manages and uses personal information;
- h) Will regularly assess and evaluate its methods and performance in relation to handling personal information.

This policy will be updated as necessary to reflect best practice in data management, security and control and to ensure compliance with any changes or amendments made to the GDPR.

In case of any queries or questions in relation to this policy please contact the Data Protection Officer (see above)

Procedures for Handling Data & Data Security

HVHCA has a duty to ensure that appropriate technical and organizational measures and training are taken to prevent:

- Unauthorized or unlawful processing of personal data
- Unauthorized disclosure of personal data
- Accidental loss of personal data

All trustees and staff must therefore ensure that personal data is dealt with properly no matter how it is collected, recorded or used. This applies whether or not the information is held on paper, in a computer or recorded by some other means e.g. tablet or mobile phone.

Personal data relates to data of living individuals who can be identified from that data and use of that data could cause an individual damage or distress. This does not mean that mentioning someone's name in a document comprises personal data; however, combining various data elements such as a person's name and salary or religious beliefs etc. would be classed as personal data and falls within the scope of the GDPR. It is therefore important that all trustees and staff consider any information (which is not otherwise in the public domain) that can be used to identify an individual as personal data and observe the guidance given below.

Privacy Notice and Consent Policy

The privacy notice and consent policy are as follows:

Consent

"Hook Village Halls Charitable Association (HVHCA) uses personal data for the purposes of managing hall bookings, finances, events and publicity. Please tick here () if you are willing for us to share your contact details with other groups and organizations benefitting the residents of the Parish of Hook."

Consent forms will be stored by the HVHCA manager and/or his staff in a securely held electronic or

paper file.

Privacy

“Hook Village Halls Charitable Association (HVHCA) uses personal data for the purposes of managing the Community Centre and Elizabeth Hall, their bookings and finances, running and marketing events at both locations, staff employment and its fundraising activities. Data may be retained for up to ten years for accounts purposes and for longer where required by HVHCA’s insurers. If you would like to find out more about how we use your personal data or want to see a copy of information about you that we hold, please contact the HVHCA manager, John Watson, at customer care@hookvillagehalls.org.uk.”

Operational Guidance

Email:

All trustees and staff should consider whether an email (both incoming and outgoing) needs to be kept as an official record. If the email needs to be retained it should be saved into an appropriate folder or printed and stored securely.

Remember, emails that contain personal information no longer required for operational use, should be deleted from any personal mailbox and any “deleted items” box.

Phone Calls:

Phone calls can lead to unauthorized use or disclosure of personal information and the following precautions should be taken:

- Personal information should not be given out over the telephone unless you have no doubts as to the caller’s identity and the information requested is innocuous.
- If you have any doubts, ask the caller to put their enquiry in writing.
- If you receive a phone call asking for personal information to be checked or confirmed be aware that the call may come from someone impersonating someone with a right of access.

Laptops and Portable Devices:

All laptops and portable devices that hold data containing personal information must be protected with a password that is used to access systems.

Ensure your device is locked (password protected) when left unattended, even for short periods of time.

When travelling in a car, make sure your device is out of sight, preferably in the boot.

If you have to leave your device in an unattended vehicle at any time, put it in the boot and ensure all doors are locked and any alarm set.

Never leave laptops or portable devices in your vehicle overnight.

Do not leave laptops or portable devices unattended in restaurants or bars, or any other venue.

When travelling on public transport, keep it with you at all times, do not leave it in luggage racks or even on the floor alongside you.

Data Security and Storage:

Store as little personal data as possible on your computer or laptop; only keep those files that are essential. Personal data received on disk or memory stick should be saved to the relevant file on the server or laptop. The disk or memory stick should then be securely returned (if applicable), safely stored or wiped and securely disposed of.

Always lock (password protect) your computer or laptop when left unattended.

Passwords:

Do not use passwords that are easy to guess. All your passwords should contain both upper and lower-case letters and preferably contain some numbers. Ideally passwords should be six characters or more

in length.

Protect Your Password:

Common sense rules for passwords are:

- Do not give out your password
- Do not write your password somewhere on your laptop or tablet
- Do not keep it written on something stored in the laptop or tablet case.

Data Storage:

Personal data will be stored securely and will only be accessible to authorized trustees and staff.

Information will be stored for only as long as it is needed or required by statute and will be disposed of appropriately. For financial records this will be up to ten years. For staff records see below. Archival material such as minutes and legal documents will be stored indefinitely. Other correspondence and emails will be disposed of when no longer required or when trustees and staff retire or resign. Historical archive material, such as deeds, leases and meeting records, should be kept securely in a locked filing cabinet in the manager's office, as appropriate.

All personal data held for HVHCA must be non-recoverable from any computer that has been passed on/sold to a third party.

Information Regarding a Member of Staff or Former Member of Staff:

Information about a staff member or a former staff member, will be kept indefinitely. If something occurs years later it might be necessary to refer back to a job application or other document to check what was disclosed earlier, in order that trustees comply with their obligations e.g. regarding employment law, taxation, pensions or insurance.

Accident Book:

This will be checked regularly. Any page which has been completed will be removed, appropriate action taken and the page filed securely.

Data Subject Access Requests:

We may occasionally need to share data with other agencies such as Hook Parish Council and other voluntary agencies in circumstances that are not in furtherance of the management of the charity. The circumstances where the law allows HVHCA to disclose data (including sensitive data) without the data subject's consent are:

- a) Carrying out a legal duty or as authorized by the UK Government protecting vital interests of a Data Subject or other person e.g. child protection;
- b) The Data Subject has already made the information public;
- c) Conducting any legal proceedings, obtaining legal advice or defending any legal rights;
- d) Monitoring for equal opportunities purposes – i.e. race, disability or religion.

We regard the lawful and correct treatment of personal information as very important to successful working, and to maintaining the confidence of those with whom we deal.

We intend to ensure that personal information is treated lawfully and correctly.

Risk Management:

The consequences of breaching Data Protection can cause harm or distress to service users if their information is released to inappropriate people, or they could be denied a service to which they are entitled. Trustees and staff should be aware that they can be personally liable if they use customers' personal data inappropriately. This policy is designed to minimize the risks and to ensure that the reputation of HVHCA is not damaged through inappropriate or unauthorized access and sharing.

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