

# Privacy notice – Passenger Transport Group

## Who we are?

Shropshire Council is the local government authority for Shropshire. Our address is: Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND. You can contact our Data Protection Officer on: 01743 252774 or by email at: [information.request@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:information.request@shropshire.gov.uk)

## How do we collect information from you?

We collect information from you when you visit the Shropshire Council website also when you contact us in writing, speak to us on the phone, by email or any other type of electronic communication, or talk to us face to face.

## What types of information do we collect from you?

We collect different categories of information about you, depending on the service you want from us and/or the reason why we need to process information relating to you. This could be personal information (for example your name and address), or other more sensitive data that we would only collect and use in very particular circumstances that are set out in law.

## Details of information obtained from third parties?

We gather information from application forms, completed either by parents/carers, educational professionals or other local authority departments that require transport assistance.

## How is your information used?

We may use your information to:

Assess and provide safe and appropriate travel arrangements for all eligible applicants.

- to assess entitlement and eligibility for transport assistance
- to procure relevant travel arrangements based on individual needs and requirements.
- To set up monthly payment budgets for qualifying parents/carers
- Notify parents/carers of any reviews or changes to our services
- To make contact with parents/carers of any emergencies that may arise on contracted transport arrangements affecting their children.
- To correspond with any relevant agencies that may also have relevant information regarding an applicant; Educational facilities, social workers etc.
- To determine monthly attendance at an educational facility to enable accurate payments to be made to parents/carers who accept travelling expenses.

The information that you provide will be stored on a 3<sup>rd</sup> party system operated by 365 Flexiroute (part of 365 Response) to keep up to date records of passengers, plan routes and provide collection and drop off information to relevant Drivers and Passenger Assistants through the 3<sup>rd</sup> party app, also provided by 365 Flexiroute. The purpose of the app is solely to enable the driver to receive the appropriate information they need in a more secure way.

## Research and statistics

Anonymised and pseudonymised data may be used for research & statistical purposes. Any data collected may be used for research and statistical purposes that are relevant and compatible with the purpose that the data was collected for.

## Who has access to your information?

We may share your information with the following third parties for the reasons detailed;

- Taxi, Minibus & Coach operators and Volunteer Car Drivers providing information to allow them to undertake transport to and from schools, day centres and other destinations as required on Shropshire Council's behalf.
- Internally with other departments such as the SEN team, admissions, education access, safeguarding, social workers and Licensing department.
- Statutory agencies, such as the Police, National Fraud Authority and Local Government Ombudsman – We may share your information with statutory agencies in line with our legal obligations and/or in completion of our public tasks.
- Our Transport Management System provided by 365 Flexiroute (part of 365 Response). To enable us to manage the information of all passengers including emergency contacts, plan journeys and utilise our 3<sup>rd</sup> party app, also provided by 365 Flexiroute, for Drivers and Passenger Assistants to access up to date collection and drop off information for relevant passengers.

We will not sell or rent your information to third parties. We will not share your information with third parties for marketing purposes.

## What are your rights in relation the personal data we process?

**Access** – you can request copies of any of your personal information that is held by the Council.

**Rectification** – you can ask us to correct any incorrect information.

**Deletion** – you can ask us to delete your personal information. The Council can refuse to delete information if we have a lawful reason to keep this.

**Portability** – you can ask us to transfer your personal data to different services or to you in some circumstances.

**Right to object or restrict processing** – you have the right to object to how your data is being used and how it is going to be used in the future.

**Right to prevent automatic decisions** – you have the right to challenge a decision that affects you that has been made automatically without human intervention, for example an online form with an instant decision.

## How long will we keep your information for?

We keep and dispose of all records in line with our corporate retention schedule. We will comply with Data Protection legislation in regards to how long we keep your data.

## **What security precautions in place to protect the loss, misuse or alteration of your information?**

We are strongly committed to data security and will take reasonable and appropriate steps to protect your personal information from unauthorised access, loss, misuse, alteration or corruption. We have put in place physical, electronic, and managerial procedures to safeguard the information you provide to us. However, we cannot guarantee the security of any information you transmit to us. We recommend that you take every precaution to protect your personal information.

## **Keeping your data up to date**

We want to ensure any information we hold is accurate. You can help us by promptly informing us of any changes to the information we hold about you.

## **Details of any automated decision processes**

We do not currently have any automated decision making processes.

## **Under 13**

If you are accessing online services and are under the age of 13, please get your parent/guardian's permission beforehand whenever you provide us with personal information.

## **Cookies & IP addresses**

### **What are Cookies and why are they used?**

Cookies are small text files which identify your computer to our servers. They are used to improve the user experience. View what cookies we use and how you can manage them at <https://shropshire.gov.uk/website-information/use-of-cookies/>

## **Complaints**

If you would like to make a complaint regarding the use of your personal data you can contact our Data Protection Officer;

**By Post:** Information Governance  
Shropshire Council,  
Shirehall,  
Abbey Foregate,  
Shrewsbury,  
SY2 6ND

**By phone:** 01743 252774

**By email:** [information.request@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:information.request@shropshire.gov.uk)

For independent advice about data protection, privacy and data sharing issues, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO):

**By Post:** Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

**By phone:** 0303 123 1113 {local rate) or 01625 545 745 if you prefer to use a national rate number

Alternatively, visit [ico.org.uk](http://ico.org.uk) or email [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)