

You have the right to privacy and all staff involved in your care have a duty of confidentiality covered by:

- ; The Data Protection Act 1998
- ; The Human Rights Act 1998
- ; Professional Codes of Conduct
- ; Common Law Duty of confidentiality



Who is this leaflet for?

If you are a young person, this leaflet is to help answer your questions about how information about you is shared.

Your information.

People working with you such as Teachers, Nurses, Doctors, Social Workers, Police, Psychologists, the Children's Reporter and other organisations keep information about you securely in a computer or in a paper file. When people work together they may need to share information about you.

Why do we share information about you?

- To reduce the number of times you are asked the same questions
- To give you the support and care that you need as quickly as possible
- To make sure you and others are protected and kept safe from harm

What information should be shared?

The only information, which will be shared is information about you, and people who are important to you that is needed by other people to give you the support, care or protection you require.

How will it be shared?

The people working with you might use computers, speak to each other or write to each other to share information.

To find out more.....

**Child Law Centre
(0800 328 8970)**

**Who Cares?
(0141 226 4441)**

If you require this leaflet in a different format, please contact your local Social Work Office

Your information

You have the right to access information about you. To do this or to ask questions about how your information is being shared speak to the person working with you or use the telephone numbers on this leaflet.

Your agreement to share information

The people working with you will ask for your agreement to share information about you to plan your care and support. Where there is a concern about you being safe from harm, people do not have to seek your consent before sharing information. You will be asked to agree to information about you being shared by the different people who are working with you. Your worker should explain why we need to share your information. You will be asked to sign an information sharing agreement. If you do not understand why we need to share information about you, and will not give consent then we will ask your parent or your named person.

Without your agreement

Information about you will be shared only if there is a risk of harm to you or others.



Can I refuse to share my information ?

YES – this might make getting the care or support you need slower or you might have to tell different people the same things
YES – there might be some information you don't want to share with some people and some information you do agree to share
BUT – even if you refuse we may have to share your information if you or someone else is at risk of harm.

Will my parents be told ?

We prefer to work with you and your parents, with agreement to share information about you. You will be asked to agree information about you being shared with your parents. There may be some information you do not want to share. Sometimes information will be shared with your parents without your agreement but your worker should tell you first and get your support, if that is possible. You should be advised about what your parents have been told.

This leaflet was given to me by:

Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Date: _____

Telephone Number: _____

