LINDEN HOUSE NURSING HOME

**PRIVACY NOTICE FOR RELATIVES OR RESIDENTS’ NEXT OF KIN**

In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), we have implemented this privacy notice to inform you of the types of data we process about you. We also include within this notice the reasons for processing your data, the lawful basis that permits us to process it, how long we keep your data for and your rights regarding your data.

This notice applies to current and former relatives or residents’ next of kin.

1. DATA PROTECTION PRINCIPLES

Under GDPR, all personal data obtained and held by us must be processed according to a set of core principles. In accordance with these principles, we will ensure that:

* + processing is fair, lawful and transparent
  + data is collected for specific, explicit, and legitimate purposes
  + data collected is adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary for the purposes of processing
  + data is kept accurate and up to date. Data which is found to be inaccurate will be rectified or erased without delay
  + data is not kept for longer than is necessary for its given purpose
  + data is processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of personal data including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing, accidental loss, destruction or damage by using appropriate technical or organisation measures
  + we comply with the relevant GDPR procedures for international transferring of personal data

1. WHY WE COLLECT YOUR DATA

We collect your data and information about Relatives or Next of Kin (NoK) of our residents so that we can operate effectively as a care provider. This privacy notice explains how and why we collect relative/NoK data, what we do with it and what rights you have.

1. LAWFUL BASIS FOR PROCESSING

We collect relatives/NoK data under the following lawful basis:

* Where we have the consent of the data subject
* Where it is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation
* Where processing is necessary to protect the vital interests of the data subject or another person
* Where it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller

We will only process it where:

* We have explicit consent; and/ or
* Processing is necessary to fulfil any contractual obligations we may have with you; and / or
* Processing is necessary to protect the vital interests of the data subject or of another natural person where the data subject is physically or legally incapacity of giving consent; and / or
* Processing is necessary to fulfil a legal obligation to a statutory body such as our regular – the Care Quality Commission or a local authority

We use relative/NoK data to support our functions of running a care home, in particular:

* To maintain a waiting list or enquiry file
* To report on residents’ care progress and any health issues
* For inclusion in care planning
* To access the quality of our service
* For the protection and welfare of the residents including safeguarding
* To request advocacy support
* To promote the home
* To send you communications that may be of interest to you which may include information about events, activities, news, meetings etc.
* In order to respond to investigations from our regulators or to respond to complaints
* In connection with any legal proceedings threatened or commenced against the organisaton

1. WHAT DATA WE COLLECT

* Personal information (such as name, address, telephone number and email address)
* Information relating to your identity, marital status, language, nationality, financial details, information about court orders or powers of attorney in place affecting care and financial arrangements for residents.

From time to time and in certain circumstances, we might also process personal data about relatives/NoK, some of which might be sensitive personal data, information about criminal proceedings/convictions or information about safeguarding. This information is not routinely collected and is only likely to be processed by the company in specific circumstances relating to particular residents, for example, if a safeguarding issue arises or if a relative/NoK is involved in a criminal matter. Where appropriate, such information may be shared with external agencies such as the safeguarding team at the Local Authority or the Police. Such information will only be processed to the extent that it is lawful to do so and appropriate measures will be taken to keep the data secure.

We collect information about relatives/NoK before residents are admitted to our home and update it as and when new information is acquired.

1. COLLECTING RELATIVE/NOK INFORMATION

Whilst the majority of information about relatives/NoK provided to us is mandatory, some of it is provided to us on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with the GDPR, we will inform you whether you are required to provide certain information to us or if you have a choice in this. Where appropriate, we will ask for consent to process personal data where there is no other lawful basis for processing it. Consent can be withdrawn at any time.

1. STORING RELATIVE/NOK DATA

A significant amount of personal data is stored electronically, for example, on our database, and on our electronic care plans. Some information may also be stored in hard copy format.

Data stored electronically may be saved on a cloud based system which may be hosted in a different country.

We will only retain your personal information for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes we collected it for, including for the purposes of satisfying any legal, accounting, insurance or reporting requirements. Details of retention periods for different aspects of your personal information are available in our Data Retention Policy which is available from the Home Manager. To determine the appropriate retention period for personal data, we consider the amount, nature, and sensitivity of the personal data, the potential risk of harm from unauthorised use or disclosure of your personal data, the purposes for which we process your personal data and whether we can achieve those purposes through other means, and the applicable legal requirements.

In some circumstances we may anonymise your personal information so that it can no longer be associated with you, in which case we may use such information without further notice to you. Once you are no longer a relative or NoK we will retain and securely destroy your personal information in accordance with our data retention policy.

1. WHO WE SHARE YOUR INFORMATION WITH

Your information is usually only used by the organisation for the reasons listed above but from time to time, we may also share your information with other third parties including the following:

* Our local authority
* Care Quality Commission (CQC)
* The Police and law enforcement agencies
* NHS health professionals
* Social Workers
* Courts, if ordered to do so
* Safeguarding Team
* Our legal advisors
* Our insurance providers
* Our IT consultants

Some of the organisations referred to above are joint data controllers. This means we are all responsible to you for how we process your data.

In the event that we share personal data about you with third parties, we will provide the minimum amount of personal data necessary to fulfil the purpose for which we are required to share the data.

1. REQUESTING ACCESS TO YOUR PERSONAL DATA

Under the data protection legislation, you have the right to request access to information about you that we hold (“Subject Access Request”). To make a request for your relative’s personal data, contact The Home Manager or person responsible for data protection compliance, although any written request for personal data will be treated as a Subject Access Request

The legal timescales for the company to respond to a Subject Access Request is one calendar month. For further information about how we handle Subject Access Requests, please see our Right to Access Personal Data Policy.

1. NO FEE USUALLY REQUIRED

You will not have to pay a fee to access your personal information (or to exercise any of the other rights). However, we may charge a reasonable fee if your request for access is manifestly unfounded or excessive. Alternatively, we may refuse to comply with the request in such circumstances.

1. WHAT WE MAY NEED FROM YOU

We may need to request specific information from you to help us confirm your identity and ensure your right to access the information (or to exercise any of your other rights). This is another appropriate security measure to ensure that personal information is not disclosed to any person who has no right to receive it.

You also have the right to:

* Object to processing of personal data that is likely to cause, or is causing, damage or distress
* Prevent processing for the purpose of direct marketing
* Object to decisions being taken by automated means (which we do not do!)
* In certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data rectified, blocked, erased or destroyed; and

1. RIGHT TO WITHDRAW CONSENT

In the limited circumstances where you may have provided your consent to the collection, processing and transfer of your personal information for a specific purpose, you have the right to withdraw your consent for that specific processing at any time. To withdraw your consent, please contact the Home Manager. Once we have received notification that you have withdrawn your consent, we will no longer process your information for the purpose or purposes you originally agreed to, unless we have another legitimate basis for doing so in law.

1. MAKING A COMPLAINT

If you think your data rights have been breached, you are able to raise a complaint with the Information Commissioner (ICO). You can contact the ICO at Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or by telephone on 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 or by email casework@ico.org.uk

1. DATA PROTECTION COMPLIANCE

Although we are not obliged to appoint a Data Protection Officer, the person responsible for data protection compliance is:

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