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Website Privacy Policy

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Privacy Policy - website

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Background:

Family Care Group Ltd understands that your privacy is important to you and that you care about how your information is used and shared online. We respect and value the privacy of everyone who visits Our Site and will only collect and use information in ways that are useful to you and in a manner consistent with your rights and Our obligations under the law.

This Policy applies to Our use of any and all data collected by us in relation to your use of Our Site. Please read this Privacy Policy carefully and ensure that you understand it. Your acceptance of Our Privacy Policy is deemed to occur upon your first use of Our Site. If you do not accept and agree with this Privacy Policy, you must stop using Our Site immediately.

Definitions and Interpretation:

In this Policy, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

“Account” means an account required to access and/or use certain areas and features of Our Site;

“Cookie” means a small text file placed on your computer or device by Our Site when you visit certain parts of Our Site and/or when you use certain features of Our Site. Details of the Cookies used by Our Site are set out in section 12, below;]

“Our Site” means this website, <https://family-care.co.uk/>

“UK and EU Cookie Law” means the relevant parts of the Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003 as amended in 2004, 2011 and 2015; and]

“We/Us/Our” means Family Care Group Ltd, a limited company registered in England under 09266514, whose registered address is Business Centre, 60 School Lane, Bamber Bridge, Preston, Lancashire, PR5 6QE.

Information About Us

Our Site, <https://family-care.co.uk/>, is Family Care Ltd operated by Family Care Group, a limited company registered in England under, whose registered address is 1st Floor Offices, The Unit, Berry Way, Chorley, PR7 6RA.

Our data protection officer is Rachel Brown who can be contacted at rachel.brown@family-care.co.uk

Scope – What Does This Policy Cover?

This Privacy Policy applies only to your use of Our Site. It does not extend to any websites that are linked to from Our Site (whether We provide those links or whether they are shared by other users).

We have no control over how your data is collected, stored or used by other websites and we advise you to check the privacy policies of any such websites before providing any data to them.

What Data Do We Collect?

Some data will be collected automatically by Our Site [for further details, please see section 12 on Our use of Cookies and Our Cookie Policy Insert Link].

Other data will only be collected if you voluntarily submit it and consent to us using it for the purposes set out in section 5, for example, when signing up for an Account.

Depending upon your use of Our Site, we may collect some or all of the following data:

Name;

Business/Company name

Job Title;

Contact information such as email address and telephone number;

Demographic information such as postcode

IP address automatically collected);

Web browser type and version (automatically collected);]Operating system (automatically collected);

A list of URLs starting with a referring site, your activity on Our Site, and the site you exit to (automatically collected);

How Do We Use Your Data?

All personal data is stored securely in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) (GDPR).

For more details on security see section 6, below. We use your data to provide the best possible services to you.

This includes:

Providing and managing your Account;

Providing and managing your access to Our Site; Personalising and tailoring your experience on Our Site;

Supplying regular formal updates and information about our fostering and assessment process;

Personalising and tailoring Our products and services for you;

Responding to communications from you;

Supplying you with email e.g. newsletters, alerts etc. that you have subscribed to you may unsubscribe or opt-out at any time by updating your preferences;

Analysing your use of Our Site and gathering feedback to enable Us to continually improve Our Site and your user experience;

In some cases, the collection of data may be a statutory or contractual requirement, and We will be limited in the products and services We can provide you without your consent for Us to be able to use such data. With your permission and/or where permitted by law, we may also use your data for marketing purposes which may include contacting you by email AND/OR telephone, AND/OR [post] with information, news and offers on our products AND/OR services.

We will not, however, send you any unsolicited marketing or spam and will take all reasonable steps to ensure that We fully protect your rights and comply with Our obligations under the GDPR and the

Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003, as amended in 2004, 2011 and 2015.

Under GDPR we will ensure that your personal data is processed lawfully, fairly, and transparently, without adversely affecting your rights. We will only process your personal data if at least one of the following basis applies:

You have given consent to the processing of your personal data for one or more specific purposes;

Processing is necessary for the performance of a contract to which you are a party or in order to take steps at the request of you prior to entering into a contract;

Processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which we are subject; Processing is necessary to protect the vital interests of you or of another natural person;

Processing 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; and/or

Processing is necessary for the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by us or by a third party, except where such interests are overridden by the fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subject which require protection of personal data, in particular where the data subject is a child.

How and Where Do We Store Your Data?

We only keep your data for as long as We need to in order to use it as described above in section 5, and/or for as long as We have your permission to keep it. In any event, we will conduct an annual review to ascertain whether we need to keep your data. Your data will be deleted if we no longer need it in accordance with the terms of our Data Retention Policy.

Some or all of your data may be stored or transferred outside of the European Economic Area (“the EEA”) (The EEA consists of all EU member states, plus Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein). You are deemed to accept and agree to this by using Our Site and submitting information to us if we do store or transfer data outside the EEA.

We will take all reasonable steps to ensure that your data is treated as safely and securely as it would be within the EEA and under the GDPR. Such steps may include, but not be limited to, the use of legally binding contractual terms between Us and any third parties We engage and the use of the EU-approved Model Contractual Arrangements. [If We intend at any time to transfer any of your data outside the EEA, We will always obtain your consent beforehand and we have put in place the following safeguards to protect your data.

Data security is of great importance to Us, and to protect your data We have put in place suitable physical, electronic and managerial procedures to safeguard and secure data collected through Our Site.

Steps We take to secure and protect your data include: Your data is held in secure cloud based systems

We use a variety of security software to protect our systems

Notwithstanding the security measures that we take, it is important to remember that the transmission of data via the Internet may not be completely secure and that you are advised to take suitable precautions when transmitting to us data via the Internet.

Use of information for closed applications:

Closure Stage	Maximum time data held once closed	Reason for holding data
No contact	6 months	

Contact made	12 months
After initial visit	12 months

Following an application to foster be submitted the retention of records is subject to The Fostering Services Regulations 2011 (Retention and confidentiality of records): [The Fostering Services\(England\) Regulations 2011](#)

- All personal information will be stored within our in-house database system Charms
- Any time that personal information must be requested of an applicant via email, this will be input/ logged on Charms and then the email be deleted

Do We Share Your Data?

We may contract with third parties to supply [products and] services to you on our behalf. These may include payment processing, delivery of goods, search engine facilities, advertising, and marketing. In some cases, the third parties may require access to some or all of your data. Where any of your data is required for such a purpose, we will take all reasonable steps to ensure that your data will be handled safely, securely, and in accordance with your rights, our obligations, and the obligations of the third party under the law.

We may compile statistics about the use of our Site including data on traffic, usage patterns, user numbers, sales and other information. All such data will be anonymised and will not include any personally identifying information. We may from time to time share such data with third parties such as prospective investors, affiliates, partners and advertisers. Data will only be shared and used within the bounds of the law.

In certain circumstances, we may be legally required to share certain data held by Us, which may include your personal information, for example, where we are involved in legal proceedings, where we are complying with the requirements of legislation, a court order, or a governmental authority.

We do not require any further consent from you in order to share your data in such circumstances and will comply as required with any legally binding request that is made of us.

What Happens If Our Business Changes Hands?

We may, from time to time, expand or reduce Our business and this may involve the sale and/or the transfer of control of all or part of Our business.

Data provided by users will, where it is relevant to any part of Our business so transferred, be transferred along with that part and the new owner or newly controlling party will, under the terms of this Privacy Policy, be permitted to use the data for the purposes for which it was originally collected by Us.

In the event that any of your data is to be transferred in such a manner, you will be contacted in advance and informed of the changes.

How Can You Control Your Data?

When you submit information via Our Site, you may be given options to restrict Our use of your data. We aim to give you strong controls on Our use of your data (including the ability to opt-out of receiving emails from us which you may do by unsubscribing using the links provided in Our emails.

You may also wish to sign up to one or more of the preference services operating in the UK: The Telephone Preference Service (“the TPS”), the Corporate Telephone Preference Service (“the CTPS”), and the Mailing Preference Service (“the MPS”). These may help to prevent you from receiving unsolicited marketing. Please note, however, that these services will not prevent you from receiving marketing communications that you have consented to receive.

Your right to withhold Information and your right to withdraw Information after you have given it

You may access all areas of Our Site without providing any data at all. However, to use all features and functions available on Our Site you may be required to submit or allow for the collection of certain data.

You may restrict your internet browser’s use of Cookies. For more information, see section 12. You may withdraw your consent for us to use your personal data as set out in section 5 at any time by contacting Us using the details set out in section 15, and We will delete Your data from Our systems. However, you acknowledge this may limit Our ability to provide the best possible products and services to you.

How Can You Access Your Data?

You have the legal right to ask for a copy of any of your personal data held by Us (where such data is held). Please contact us for more details **at rachel.swarbrick@family-care.co.uk, or** using the contact details below in section 14.

Cookies

Our Site may place and access certain first-party Cookies on your computer or device. First-party Cookies are those placed directly by us and are used only by us. We use Cookies to facilitate and improve your experience of Our Site and to provide and improve Our [products and] services. By using our site, you may also receive certain third-party Cookies on your computer or device.

Third-party Cookies are those placed by websites, services, and/or parties other than Us. We use third-party Cookies on Our Site for website traffic analysis. In addition, Our Site uses analytics services provided by Google analytics service provider(s), which also use Cookies. Website analytics refers to a set of tools used to collect and analyze usage statistics, enabling Us to better understand how people use Our Site.

Summary of Your Rights under GDPR

Under the Data Protection Act you have:

The right to request access to, deletion of or correction of, your personal data held by Us; the right to complain to a supervisory authority;

Be informed of what data processing is taking place; The right to restrict processing;

The right to data portability;

Object to processing of your personal data;

Rights with respect to automated decision-making and profiling (see section 14 below).

To enforce any of the foregoing rights or if you have any other questions about Our Site or this Privacy

Policy.

Please contact us using the details set out in section 15 below.

Automated Decision-Making and Profiling

In the event that we use personal data for the purposes of automated decision-making and those decisions have a legal (or similarly significant effect) on you.

You have the right to challenge such decisions under GDPR, requesting human intervention, expressing their own point of view, and obtaining an explanation of the decision from us.

The right described above does not apply in the following circumstances:

The decision is necessary for the entry into, or performance of, a contract between you and us;

The decision is authorized by law; or

You have given your explicit consent.

Where we use your personal data for profiling purposes, the following shall apply:

Clear information explaining the profiling will be provided, including its significance and the likely consequences;

Appropriate mathematical or statistical procedures will be used;

Technical and organizational measures necessary to minimize the risk of errors and to enable such errors to be easily corrected shall be implemented; and

All personal data processed for profiling purposes shall be secured in order to prevent discriminatory effects arising out of profiling.

Contacting Us

If you have any questions about Our Site or this Privacy Policy, please contact Us by email at rachel.brown@family-care.co.uk, by telephone on 01772 647500, or by post at Family Care Group, 1st Floor Offices, The Unit, Berry Way, Chorley, PR7 6RA. Please ensure that your query is clear, particularly if it is a request for information about the data We hold about you (as under section 11, above).

Changes to Our Privacy Policy

We may change this Privacy Policy as we may deem necessary from time to time, or as may be required by law. Any changes will be immediately posted on Our Site and you will be deemed to have accepted the terms of the Privacy Policy on your first use of Our Site following the alterations. We recommend that you check this page regularly to keep up-to-date.