

As part of any recruitment process, the charity collects and processes personal data relating to job applicants. The charity is committed to being transparent about how it collects and uses that data and to meeting its data protection obligations.

### **What information may the charity collect?**

The charity collects a range of information about you. This includes:

- your name, address and contact details, including email address and telephone number
- details of your qualifications, skills, experience and employment history
- possibly information about your current level of remuneration, including benefit entitlements

The charity may collect this information in a variety of ways. For example, data might be contained in CVs or resumes, or collected through interviews or other forms of assessment.

The charity may also collect personal data about you from third parties, such as references supplied by former employers, information from employment background check providers and information from criminal records checks but this will only occur once a formal offer of employment has been made and at that point we will process your data in accordance with our Data Protection policy which sits on our businesses website and we will inform you that it is doing so.

Data will be stored in a range of different places, including in an electronic folder held securely on our IT systems (including email) and in paper format held in a secured lockable cabinet.

### **Why does the charity process personal data?**

The charity needs to process data to take steps at your request prior to entering into a contract with you. It may also need to process your data to enter into a contract with you.

In some cases, the charity needs to process data to ensure that it is complying with its legal obligations. For example, it is required to check a successful applicant's eligibility to work in the UK before employment starts.

The charity has a legitimate interest in processing personal data during the recruitment process and for keeping records of the process. Processing data from job applicants allows the charity to manage the recruitment process, assess and confirm a candidate's suitability for employment and decide to whom to offer a job. The charity may also need to process data from job applicants to respond to and defend against legal claims.

For some roles, the charity is obliged to seek information about criminal convictions and offences. Where the charity seeks this information, it does so because it is necessary for it to carry out its obligations and exercise specific rights in relation to employment.

The charity will not use your data for any purpose other than the recruitment exercise for which you have applied.

### **Who has access to data?**

Your information may be shared internally for the purposes of the recruitment exercise. This includes members of the HR and recruitment team, interviewers involved in the recruitment process, managers in the business area for which you may be considered and IT staff if access to the data is necessary for the performance of their roles.

The charity will not share your data with third parties unless your application for employment is successful and it makes you an offer of employment. The charity will then share your data with former employers to obtain references for you, employment background check providers to obtain necessary background checks and the Disclosure and Barring Service to obtain necessary criminal records checks.

The charity will not transfer your data outside the European Economic Area.

### **How does the charity protect data?**

The charity takes the security of your data seriously. It has internal policies and controls in place to ensure that your data is not lost, accidentally destroyed, misused or disclosed, and is not accessed except by our employees in the proper performance of their duties.

### **For how long does the charity keep data?**

If your application for employment is unsuccessful, the charity will hold your data on file for 6 months after the end of the relevant recruitment process. At the end of that period, your data is deleted or destroyed.

If your application for employment is successful, personal data gathered during the recruitment process will be transferred to your personnel file and retained during your employment. The periods for which your data will be held will be provided to you in a Data Retention policy.

### **Your rights**

As a data subject, you have several rights. You can:

- access and obtain a copy of your data on request
- require the charity to change incorrect or incomplete data
- require the charity to delete or stop processing your data, for example where the data is no longer necessary for the purposes of processing, and
- object to the processing of your data where the charity is relying on its legitimate interests as the legal ground for processing.

If you would like to exercise any of these rights, please contact Claire Banner HR Manager:

[claire.banner@reesfoundation.org](mailto:claire.banner@reesfoundation.org)

If you believe that the charity has not complied with your data protection rights, you can complain to the Information Commissioner. However, we would ask you discuss the matter with the charity in the first instance.

Full contact details including a helpline number can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office website ([www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)). This website has further information on your rights and our obligations.

### **What if you do not provide personal data?**

You are under no statutory or contractual obligation to provide data to the charity during the recruitment process. However, if you do not provide the information, the charity may not be able to process your application properly or at all.

### **Automated decision-making**

Recruitment processes are not based on automated decision-making.