



DATA PROTECTION POLICY – THE HOPE FOUNDATION

Introduction

This document provides a concise policy regarding the data protection obligations of The Hope Foundation (HOPE) and is part of HOPE's commitment to data protection by design and default.

HOPE is a data controller with reference to the personal data which it manages, processes and stores.

Employees/supporters/beneficiaries/consultants and donors of HOPE should refer to the guidance provided by the Office of the Irish Data Protection Commissioner (www.dataprotection.ie) as well as seeking professional advice regarding best practice in this area.

Our commitment to data protection

We believe in establishing a clear, transparent and accountable approach to our data protection to ensure that all those who support and engage with HOPE can do so safe in the knowledge that we will apply the same values to our data protection as we do to all our work and will handle their personal data in a secure, transparent and responsible manner with full respect for their privacy, in line with all relevant legal obligations.

Purpose of this Policy

As a data controller, HOPE and its staff (hereafter referred-to collectively as HOPE) must comply with the data protection principles set out in the relevant Irish, UK and EU legislation.

This Policy applies to all personal data collected, processed and stored by HOPE in the course of its activities and is designed to ensure HOPE's compliance with the following legislation:

- The European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
- The EU Electronic Communications Regulations (2011)

The GDPR confers rights on individuals as well as additional responsibilities on those persons and organisations processing personal data and HOPE will ensure that all policies and activities are done in compliance with this legislation.

Definitions

For the purpose of this Policy:

'Personal data' means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'); an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person;

'Processing' means any operation or set of operations which is performed on personal data or on sets of personal data, whether or not by automated means, such as collection, recording, organisation, structuring, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, restriction, erasure or destruction;

'Controller' means the natural or legal person which, alone or jointly with others, determines the purposes and means of the processing of personal data;

'Processor' means a natural or legal person, which processes personal data on behalf of the controller;

'Recipient' means a natural or legal person, to which the personal data are disclosed, whether a third party or not;

'Third party' means a natural or legal person, other than the data subject, controller, processor and persons who, under the direct authority of the controller or processor, are authorised to process personal data;

'Consent' of the data subject means any freely given, specific, informed and unambiguous indication of the data subject's wishes by which he or she, by a statement or by a clear affirmative action, signifies agreement to the processing of personal data relating to him or her;

'Supervisory authority' means the Irish Data Protection Commissioner, as an independent public authority established by Ireland pursuant to Article 51 of the GDPR.

Scope of this Policy

HOPE, as a data controller, collects, processes and stores relatively small volumes of personal on an ongoing basis. HOPE collects data about its staff, donors, partners and programme participants who come into contact with the organisation through our fundraising or work. We process personal data for the following reasons:

- The collection and management of donations.
- The operations, monitoring and evaluation of our ongoing work in Ireland.

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- The operations, monitoring and evaluation of our development work overseas.
- The recruitment, management and payment of staff.
- Ensuring the security of staff and premises.
- Compliance with statutory obligations.

This Policy applies to all data collected, both manually and automated, held by HOPE. This includes electronic and paper records; it also includes all CCTV images.

Data Protection Officer (DPO)

As part of its ongoing commitment to the highest standard of data protection, HOPE has appointed a staff member to assist the organisation in monitoring internal compliance with the GDPR, while having due regards to the risks associated with processing operations, taking into account the nature, scope, context and purpose of processing. The core functions of the DPO are:

- To inform and advise HOPE and the employees who carry out processing of their obligations pursuant to the GDPR and any other current or future EU data protection provisions;
- To monitor HOPE's compliance with the GDPR, and any other current or future EU data protection provisions, and with the policies of HOPE in relation to the protection of personal data, including the assignment of responsibilities, awareness-raising and training of staff involved in processing operations, and the related audits;
- To provide advice where requested as regards the data protection impact assessment and monitor its performance pursuant to Article 35 of the GDPR;
- To cooperate with the Irish Data Protection Commissioner, as the supervisory authority;
- To act as the contact point for the Irish Data Protection Commissioner on issues relating to processing, including the prior consultation referred to in Article 36 of the GDPR, and to consult, where appropriate, with regard to any other matter.

Ownership

The Data Protection Policy is maintained by HOPE's DPO and is approved by Board of Directors. Further comments or questions on the content of this Policy should be directed to the DPO.

Staff

HOPE will ensure that all staff members receive awareness raising and training on data protection. Staff who are unclear or unsure about any aspect of data protection should request help from their line manager or the DPO. Failure of HOPE staff to process personal data in compliance with this Policy may result in disciplinary proceedings.

The use of third-party data processors

In the course of its role as Data Controller, HOPE engages a number of third-party service providers, or Data Processors, to process Personal Data on its behalf. In each case, a formal, written contract is in place with the Processor, outlining their obligations in relation to the Personal Data, the specific purpose or purposes for which they are engaged, and the understanding that they will process the data

- a) as instructed by HOPE, and
- b) in compliance with the European General Data Protection Regulation and the EU Electronic Communications Regulations.

These data processors include (with links to their respective Data Processing Addendum):

- [Mailchimp](#)
- [Stripe](#)
- Global Payments (formally Realex Payments)

The contract will also include reference to the fact that the data controller is entitled, from time to time, to audit or inspect the data management activities of the data processor, and to ensure that they remain compliant with the relevant legislation, and with the terms of the contract.

Regular audit trail monitoring will be done by the DPO to ensure compliance with this Agreement by any third-party entity which processes personal data on behalf of HOPE.

Failure of a data processor to manage HOPE's data in a compliant manner will be viewed as a breach of contract and will be pursued through the courts if necessary.

The Data Protection Principles

The following key Principles are enshrined in EU legislation and are fundamental to HOPE's Data Protection Policy. In its capacity as data controller, HOPE ensures that all data shall:

- 1. Be obtained and processed fairly and lawfully**

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HOPE will only process personal data in line with one of the lawful basis enshrined in Article 7 of the GDPR. HOPE will fulfil its obligation in this regard by ensuring that:

- Where possible, the informed consent of the data subject will be sought before their data is processed. HOPE will ensure that the request for consent is presented in a manner which is clearly distinguishable from the other matters, in an intelligible and easily accessible form, using clear and plain language. HOPE will also ensure that the data subject is made aware of his or her right to withdraw his or her consent at any time;
- Where it is not possible to seek consent, HOPE will ensure that collection of the data is justified under one of the other lawful processing conditions listed in Article 7 of the GDPR (compliance with legal obligation, contractual necessity, vital interests of data subject, public interest, or the legitimate interests of the data controller);
- Where the data processed by HOPE can be considered sensitive personal data, as defined in Article 9 of the GDPR, HOPE will not collect, process and store such data, unless permissible under the exemptions listed in Article 2 (a-j) of the GDPR;
- Where HOPE intends to record activity on CCTV or video, a Fair Processing Notice will be posted in full view, prior to the recording and purpose, storage and the conditions for viewing the data will be laid out clearly and communicated to staff;
- Processing of the personal data will be carried out only as part of HOPE's lawful activities, and it will safeguard the rights and freedoms of the data subject;
- The data subject's personal data will not be disclosed to a third party other than to a party contracted by HOPE and operating on its behalf, or where HOPE is required to do so by law.

2. Be obtained only for one or more specified, legitimate purposes

HOPE will obtain data for purposes which are specific, lawful and clearly stated. A data subject will have the right to question the purpose(s) for which HOPE holds their data, and HOPE will be able to clearly state that purpose or purposes.

3. Not be further processed in a manner incompatible with the specified purpose(s)

Any use of the data by HOPE will be compatible with the purposes for which the data was acquired and HOPE will take steps to ensure that no personal data will be further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes in line with the principles laid down in Article 5 of the GDPR.

4. Be adequate, relevant and not excessive in relation to the purpose(s) for which the data were collected and processed

HOPE will ensure that the data it processes in relation to data subjects is adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which the data is collected,

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in line with the principles laid down in Article 5 of the GDPR. Data which is not relevant to such processing will not be acquired or maintained, in line with the principle of data minimisation.

5. Be kept accurate, complete and up-to-date where necessary

HOPE will:

- ensure that administrative and IT validation processes are in place to conduct regular assessments of data accuracy;
- conduct periodic reviews and audits to ensure that relevant data is kept accurate and up-to-date. HOPE conducts a review of sample data every six months to ensure accuracy; Staff contact details and details on next-of-kin are reviewed and updated every two years;
- conduct regular assessments in order to establish the need to keep certain Personal Data.

6. Not be kept for longer than is necessary to satisfy the specified purpose(s)

HOPE will ensure that personal data is not kept for longer than what is strictly necessary for the purpose for which the data is processed, in line with the principles laid down in Article 5 of the GDPR.

To fulfil this commitment, HOPE has developed a Data Retention Policy and associated schedule to ensure HOPE fulfils its obligation in regards to retention periods for all categories of personal data processed by the organization.

Once the respective retention period has elapsed, HOPE undertake to destroy, erase or otherwise put this data beyond use.

7. Be kept safe and secure

HOPE will ensure that the personal data it collects will be protected against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction or damage. To this end, HOPE will employ high standards of security in order to protect the personal data under its care. Access to and management of staff and customer records is limited to those staff members who have appropriate authorisation and password access.

In the event of a data breach likely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of the data subject or other persons, HOPE will notify the Irish Data Protection Commissioner without undue delay and, where feasible, within 72 hours after having become aware of the breach, in line with Article 33 of the GDPR. In the event of a data security breach affecting the personal data being processed on behalf of the data controller, the relevant third-party processor will notify the data controller without undue delay.

Data subject rights

Clear and easily accessible communication

HOPE will take appropriate measures to ensure any and all communication with a data subject is conducted in a concise, transparent, intelligible and easily accessible form, using clear and plain language that is easy for the data subject to understand.

Information provided to data subjects

HOPE will ensure that all data subjects will be made aware, at the time their data is being collected, of:

- The identity of the data controller (HOPE);
- The contact details of the DPO;
- The purpose(s) for which the data is being processed;
- The legitimate interests pursued by the controller (if processing is based on Article 6 (1)(f) of the GDPR)
- The person(s) to whom the data may be disclosed by the data controller;
- Any other information that is necessary so that the processing may be considered fair.

Right of access by data subjects

Upon receipt of a valid, formal request by a data subject in relation to the personal data held by HOPE which relates to them, HOPE will provide the data subject with the following information, free of charge, in line with Article 15 of the GDPR:

- The purposes for processing the data.
- The categories of personal data concerned.
- To whom the data has been or will be disclosed.
- Whether the data has been or will be transferred outside of the EU.
- The period for which the data will be stored, or the criteria to be used to determine retention periods.
- Information about the right to make a complaint to the Irish Data Protection Commissioner.
- Information about the right to request rectification or deletion of the data.
- Whether the individual has been subject to automated decision making.

HOPE will ensure that all subject access requests receive a response within 30 days. Further details can be found in the HOPE's Subject Access Request Policy.

Right to rectification and the right to be forgotten

As covered above in point 5 of this Policy, HOPE has put in place processes to ensure the complete and accurate nature of the personal data it collects. However, in the event that a data subject submits a valid request for correction or completion of incorrect or incomplete data, HOPE will ensure that any such data will be rectified or completed without undue delay, in line with Article 16 of the GDPR, and that the data subject is informed of the correction or completion of data.

HOPE will ensure that, upon request of the data subject, and where one of the specific grounds listed in Article 17 of the GDPR applies, all personal data related to the data subject in question is erased without undue delay, and that the data subject is informed of the erasure.

The right to restriction of processing and the right to object

HOPE will put in place processes that ensure respect for a data subject's right to object or have restriction put in place against processing of their data. HOPE will ensure these processes comply fully with Articles 19 and 21 of the GDPR.

Review

This Policy will be reviewed at least annually by the DPO to ensure alignment to appropriate risk management requirements and its continued relevance to current and planned operations, or legal developments and legislative obligations.

Supervisory authority

Should you wish to contact the relevant supervisory authority in relation to a data protection issue involving HOPE UK, you should contact [The Information Commissioners Office](#).

Data Protection Officer contact details

Email: dpo@hopefoundation.ie