

HOW WE USE PERSONAL INFORMATION FAIR PROCESSING NOTICE

Devon and Cornwall Police gathers and holds personal information which it uses for policing purposes. The policing purposes include;

- The prevention or detection of crime
- The apprehension or prosecution of offenders
- The protection of life and property
- Maintenance of law and order
- Rendering assistance to the public in accordance with Force policies and procedures

The policing purposes are additionally listed in the Statutory Code of Practice on the Management of Police Information (MOPI). They provide the legal basis for collecting, recording, evaluating, sharing and retaining police information.

Devon and Cornwall Police will hold information relating to a range of individuals including victims, witnesses, complainants, suspects and offenders, in connection with this policing purposes as well as details of others who work for or with Devon and Cornwall Police.

All personal data is held and processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Anyone working for, or with, Devon and Cornwall Police may only use information in accordance with their policing duties or linked statutory duties.

Information held by Devon and Cornwall Police may be shared with other organisations where this is necessary for a policing purpose, for example;

- Within the Criminal Justice System as part of the pre-charge and post-charge processes i.e. prosecuting someone through the Court
- Working with partner agencies to reduce crime and disorder, and anti-social behaviour as required by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
- With the Criminal Records Bureau which provides information to organisations to enable them to make safer recruitment decisions by identifying potential persons who may be unsuitable to work with children or other vulnerable members of the society
- With other professional and regulatory bodies

Information is shared where specifically required to do so by statute or by the order of the court. Devon and Cornwall Police will also share information with partner agencies when the information is required to enable them to carry out their statutory responsibilities or where it is necessary to prevent harm to an individual or others. Any disclosure of personal information is carefully considered in accordance with legislation, policy, and/or information sharing agreements. We may use your information to analyse our performance and effectiveness. It might be necessary for us, or third parties we deem appropriate and fully approved, to contact you and ask you to assist us in this analysis. This is in order that we gather information about the

service we are providing to the public and use this to identify ways of improving that service wherever we can.

You have a right to see personal data held about you and can request to access your own information in accordance with Section 7 of the Data Protection Act 1998. Follow this link to find out more information and to download a [Subject Access application form](#).