

Access Oldham Privacy Notice

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What this privacy notice is for

Our core data protection obligations and commitments are set out in the council's primary privacy notice at www.oldham.gov.uk/dataprotection

Updating our privacy notices

We may update or revise our privacy notices at any time so please refer to the version published on our website for the most up to date details.

Access Oldham is the frontline service providing face to face and online support to Oldham residents. It is based in the Civic Centre in the Town centre and is easily accessible to customers with Council Tax, Housing Benefit, Council Tax reduction, Universal credit, Blue badge and other Council services related enquiries.

Oldham Council contract Unity Partnership Limited to provide this frontline service.

What we use your information for

We collect or obtain your personal information for and on behalf of the following service(s):

- Council Tax
- Housing Benefit and Council Tax Reduction
- Free School Meals
- Welfare Rights
- Elections
- Environmental Services (parks and street cleaning)
- Waste Management
- Community Safety
- Environmental Health
- Libraries
- Licensing
- Registrars
- Education (school admissions, school transport, and in-year transfers)
- My Account
- Satisfaction Surveys
- Early Help
- Adult Social Care
- Blue Badge

We only share your information with other departments within the Council if there is a legal basis to do so for the purposes of delivering other Council activities.

What categories of personal information we use

Personal information can be anything that identifies and relates to a living person. This can include information that when linked with other information, allows a person to be uniquely identified. For example, this could be your name and contact details.

The law treats some types of personal information as 'special' because the information requires more protection due to its sensitivity. This information consists of:

- Racial or ethnic origin
- Sexuality and sexual life
- Religious or philosophical beliefs
- Trade union membership
- Political opinions
- Genetic and bio-metric data
- Physical or mental health
- Criminal convictions and offences

In order to carry out these purposes we collect and obtain the following personal information.

Category of personal data	Special/ Sensitive
Name	
Address	
Telephone number(s)	
Email address	
Employer details	
Self-employment details including nature of business	
Income and expenditure details	
Bank details	
Capital details	
Household composition	
Date of birth	
National insurance number	
School details for dependants	
Relationship	
Landlord and rent details if applicable	
Other properties owned	
Date entered UK	
Temporary absence details	
Student status including educational establishment	
Health (Physical/Mental)	✓
Nationality	✓
Racial or ethnic origin	✓
Gender	✓

Legal basis for processing

The legal basis for processing and or sharing your personal information is article 6(1) (a); 6(1) (c) and 6(1) (e) of the General Data Protection Regulations.

We will process and share your personal information where:

- We have a legal obligation or it is in the public interest.
- You, or your representative have given consent.
- It is necessary for fraud prevention and the protection of public funds.

If you fail to provide certain information when requested, we may be prevented from complying with our legal obligations, for example to administer the benefit schemes.

For more information regarding the legal basis for processing your information for the services supported by the Contact Centre (listed within Appendix 1) please refer to service specific privacy notices.

Information sharing/recipients

We may share personal information about you with the following organisations:

- The Unity Partnership Ltd: administers the Council Tax, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Reduction, Free School Meals and Blue Badge services on behalf of the Council.
- The Police: if they are trying to determine your current address for the detection of crime.
- Our software providers may have to access to our systems on occasion where there is a fault, to perform necessary upgrades, to host information on our behalf. The following have access:
 - Blue Square Systems – we use Opinion 8 for customer satisfaction surveys and equality data collection for service users.
 - Blue Badge Improvement Service (BBIS) application – we use BBIS to process applications for Blue badges
 - Gov.uk – Hosts the online Blue badge application form to enable you to make an application.
 - Northgate Public Services – Provider of the Blue badge case management system.
 - DfT Central – Responsible for the issue of your Blue badge.

We may share your information with other departments within the Council, if there is a legal basis to do so. These services currently include:

- Adult Social Care: for the purpose of assessment of care needs and potential safeguarding matters.
- Children's Safeguarding: to ensure appropriate support is provided under The Children and Families Act 2014 and to enable the Council to provide local Council Tax discounts to Care leavers up to the age of 21.
- Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (M.A.S.H) and Early Help service to refer vulnerable people for additional support.
- Environment Health: to support housing enforcement activities in relation to your property subject to legal action due to disrepair or abandonment.
- School Admissions: to establish eligibility of Free School Meals.
- Get Oldham Working: to provide career guidance and educational support.
- Health Care professionals: for the purpose of a further assessment if required as part of the Blue badge application process.

As well as information collected directly from you, we also obtain or receive information from:

- Letting Agents: to enable the Council to send the correct bill for Council Tax.
- Solicitors: who are acting on behalf of you or the Council.
- Landlords: to enable the Council to send the correct bill for Council Tax.
- Landlords: to enable the Council to pay the correct amount of Housing Benefit.

If you provide another person or organisation authority to discuss or to act on your behalf, we may share information with them. In all cases we would require evidence you had granted authority before any information is shared.

Data Transfers beyond European Economic Area

We do not transfer any of your personal information outside the European Economic Area ('EEA').

Automated Decisions

All the decisions we make about you involve human intervention.

Our Guide to Exercising Your Rights outlines the procedure to ask us for an automated decision to be reviewed by an appropriate officer. This can be found at

www.oldham.gov.uk/yourdatarights

How long we keep your data

We will only keep your personal information for as long as it is required by us or other regulatory bodies in order to comply with legal and regulatory requirements or for other regulatory reasons. In most cases this will be a minimum of six years.

Where can I get advice

More information on how to seek advice in order to exercise your rights, raise a concern or complain about the handling of your personal information by the council can be found in the council's privacy notice which can be found at www.oldham.gov.uk/dataprotection.