

Candidate Privacy Notice

Guildford Diocese Board of Finance

Introduction

The Church of England comprises many different Charities and Office Holders; it is a community rather than an organisation. The Diocese of Guildford itself is made up of multiple charities, one of which is the Guildford Diocesan Board of Finance (“DBF”, “we”, “our”). The DBF is the legal entity through which many of the diocesan responsibilities and functions are achieved.

This privacy notice applies to job applicants applying for vacancies with DBF, including applicants for paid employment, volunteering, consultancy services and contractors. For candidates who are also clergy, reference should be made to the separate **Clergy Privacy Notice**, which details how the diocese collects and processes information related to your licensing as a clergy.

This privacy notice does not form part of any contract of employment or other contract to provide services.

What data do we process?

DBF collects and processes a range of information about job applicants. This includes:

- your name, address and contact details, including email address and telephone numbers
- your date of birth
- details of your education, qualifications, skills, experience and employment history, including start and end dates and notice period
- information about your current level of remuneration, including entitlement to allowances
- details of any gaps in employment.
- details of whether you are a relative or a partner of, or have any close personal relationship with any employee of the DBF or any person connected with the DBF (e.g. clergy, volunteers).
- details of any conflicts of interest you may have with the DBF, including other employment, voluntary work, and connections with the wider Diocese.
- details of your registration with or membership of any professional bodies required for you to be able to practice in your profession or meet the requirements of the role that you have applied for, and details of any sanctions or restrictions placed upon you that affect your ability to practice in that role.
- information about your identity and entitlement to work in the UK.
- information about your criminal record and conduct towards children, young people and vulnerable adults, where applicable to your role, that has either been declared by you or supplied via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).
- whether or not you have a disability for which the DBF needs to make reasonable adjustments during the recruitment and selection process.

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- equal opportunities monitoring information, including information about your gender, whether you are married or in a civil partnership, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, religion or belief, health and disability.
- where you have applied for a role that would require you to drive on DBF business we will collect details of your driving licence and any driving offences that you incur and details of your car insurance, tax and MOT.

DBF will collect this information in a variety of ways. For example, data might be collected through application, CVs, obtained from your passport or other identity documents such as your driving licence and qualification certificates, or collected through interviews or other forms of assessment.

DBF will also collect information about you from third parties, such as references supplied by current and former employers, other organisations in relation to pre-employment checks, such as registration with professional bodies where a requirement of the role and information from criminal records checks permitted by law.

Why do we need your personal data and how do we use it?

DBF has a duty as a company and charitable organisation to ensure that it runs an efficient, fair and safe recruitment process in the public interest to attract suitable staff.

The data collected from you when you apply for a role is used solely to manage the recruitment process with respect to the requirements of the role (for instance, we only need information about your driving licence if the role you are applying for involves driving as part of your duties). All of the information we ask for is used to check your suitability for the advertised role with a view to potentially entering into a contract of employment.

For candidates who are applying for regulated roles, we need to take all reasonable steps to prevent those who might harm children, young people and/or vulnerable adults from taking up positions where they have substantial contact with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults in accordance with the Church of England Safer Recruitment and People Management Guidance (2021).

We don't use this data for any other reason, nor do we sell to any third parties or use it to contact you about any unrelated services.

What is the legal basis for processing your personal data?

For the purposes of recruitment, we may process personal data under a variety of legal grounds.

These may include:

- Processing in the legitimate interests of the DBF or the legitimate interests of a related third party,
- Processing to comply with a legal obligation,
- Processing where consent has been obtained.

Special category & criminal conviction data

We collect personal identifiers and special category information that match the **protected characteristics** within the Equalities Act 2010. This may include racial/ethnic origin, religious or philosophical beliefs, health, sex orientation. This information is processed under the following legal grounds:

- To comply with our legal obligations under the Equalities Act 2010
- Where explicit consent has been obtained

- Where it is necessary for carrying out our obligations in the field of employment and social security and social protection law

Sharing your personal data

Your information will be shared internally and seen by authorised DBF staff for the purposes of recruitment and selection. This will include members of our People team, the recruiting manager, members of the recruitment panel and IT staff (if access to the data is necessary for performance of their roles). Where you are applying for a regulated role that requires an Enhanced DBS check the Confidential Declaration will be reviewed by the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor.

DBF will share your data with third parties in order to obtain pre-employment checks. This includes your referees and other organisations such as professional bodies necessary to complete pre-employment checks

Medical checks from our Occupational Health Provider and criminal records checks required for the role, obtained from the Disclosure and Barring Service by a third-party organisation, will not be sought until a conditional offer of employment has been made.

How long do we keep your personal data?

DBF will not keep your personal data any longer than necessary. Data for successful applicants will be used to enter into an employment contract. A separate privacy notice exists for employees, and you will have access to that should you be appointed. Data for unsuccessful applicants is retained for a period of six months from the end of the recruitment exercise and is then securely destroyed.

Your rights and your personal data

Subject to certain conditions, and in certain circumstances, you have the right to:

- request access to your personal information - this is usually known as making a data subject access request and it enables you to receive a copy of the personal information we hold about you
- request rectification of your personal information if it is incorrect - this enables you to have any inaccurate or incomplete personal information we hold about you corrected
- request the erasure of your personal information - this enables you to ask us to delete or remove your personal information where there's no compelling reason for its continued processing, e.g. it's no longer necessary in relation to the purpose for which it was originally collected
- restrict the processing of your personal information - this enables you to ask us to suspend the processing of your personal information, e.g. if you contest its accuracy and so want us to verify its accuracy
- object to the processing of your personal information - this enables you to ask us to stop processing your personal information where we are relying on the legitimate interests of the business as our legal basis for processing and there is something relating to your particular situation which makes you decide to object to processing on this ground.

If you wish to exercise any of these rights, please contact our data protection coordinator. We may need to request specific information from you in order to verify your identity and check your right to access the personal information or to exercise any of your other rights. This is a security measure to ensure that your personal information is not disclosed to any person who has no right to receive it.

Transferring personal information abroad

DBF will not store or send your personal data outside of the European Economic Area (EEA), except in instances where requests for references are sent to referees you have provided who outside of the EEA, and to undertake overseas criminal records checks.

Complaints

If you have any concerns or queries about how we handle your personal data, please contact our Data Protection officer at: data.protection@cofeguildford.org.uk.

You have the right to make a complaint at any time to the Information Commissioner online at: [Your personal information concerns | ICO](#) or by phone on 0303 123 1113 (local rate).

Changes to this privacy notice

DBF reserves the right to update or amend this privacy notice at any time. We keep this privacy notice under regular review, and we will place any updates on the [Diocesan web site](#).

How to Contact us

If you have any questions about this privacy notice or how we handle your personal information, please contact either [Kate Darwent, Data Protection Officer](#) or [Andy Morgan, Head of People](#).