

# CUSTOMER PRIVACY STATEMENT

## Islington & Shoreditch Housing Association

### 1. Your personal data – what is it?

Personal data means any information which relates to you or identifies you as an individual.

### 2. What type of personal information do we collect?

The following is all the types of personal information we may collect about you; however, not all of these will apply to all customers:

- Name
- Address
- Email address
- Telephone number
- Date of birth
- Bank details
- National Insurance Number
- Next of Kin
- Marital Status
- Details of anyone authorised to act on your behalf

The following is a list of special categories of personal data which we may collect about you;

- Diversity data (disability, ethnicity)
- Medical records
- Sexual orientation

We may collect this information in a variety of ways. We collect most of this information at sign-up when you first become a customer. We may collect information through other interactions with you, such as when you contact the Customer Services Team. From time to time we may also contact you to confirm the information we hold about you. We may also collect personal information about you from third parties. We would normally only do this with your permission but there are occasions when we may collect this data without your permission for example for dealing with crime and antisocial behaviour.

Your data will be stored securely in a range of places including our IT systems) and in locked filing cabinets.

### 3. Who are we?

ISHA is the data controller (contact details below). This means it decides how your personal data is used and for what purposes.

### 4. How do we use your personal data?

We may use your personal data to:

- **Provide essential services** – we collect information that will enable us to perform essential landlord functions such as collecting rent, providing repairs and managing your tenancy/lease
- **Contact you** – we use your contact information and preferences to get in touch regarding your tenancy, changes to our services and other opportunities;
- **Personalise our services for you** – if you or a member of your household has a disability or other vulnerability that impacts how you access our services, we may use this information to ensure the individual services we provide are accessible;
- **Monitor how we provide services** – we regularly report on various diversity strands to identify differences in how groups of customers experience our services and ensure equal access for all customers;
- **Design & improve our services** – if we identify a need to adjust services to ensure equal access for all customers, we will use aggregated diversity data to implement general changes to our services;
- **Meet regulatory requirements**, as set out by the Regulator of Social Housing, which comes under the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

## 5. What is the legal basis for processing your personal data?

We must have a legal basis for processing any data. One or more of the following conditions need to be met to process personal data;

- Processing is necessary to perform or enter into a contract
- Processing is necessary to comply with a legal obligation
- Processing is necessary to protect vital interests of the individual or another person
- Processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in public interest or in exercise of official authority vested in the controller
- Processing is necessary for the purpose of legitimate interest pursued by the controller or a third party, except where such interests are overridden by the interests, rights or freedoms of the individual.
- Consent of the individual

Conditions for processing special categories of personal data:

- Explicit consent
- Necessary to protect vital interests of an individual or third party where they are physically or legally incapable of giving consent
- Processing relates to personal data deliberately made public by the individual
- Processing is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims or where courts are acting in their judicial capacity
- Processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest which is proportionate to the aim pursued and which contains appropriate safeguards
- Processing is necessary for reasons of public interest in the area of public health

## **6. Consequences of failing to provide data necessary for a contract**

You are not obliged to provide personal data to us, however if you fail to provide data which is necessary for ISHA to carry out its landlord functions we may not be able to enter into a tenancy or a lease with you and where we already have a contract with you we may not be able to fulfil our full obligations to you under that contract.

## **7. Sharing your personal data**

We will never sell your information to a third party. We do occasionally need to share your information with third parties to accomplish the goals stated above and to carry out our duties as a landlord.

Third parties with whom we may share personal information include:

- Repairs and maintenance contractors
- Out of hours call centre service
- External printers, translators or survey providers
- Police
- Our insurers
- Payment services agencies for the processing of direct debit, internet pre-payment and telephone banking services
- Statutory organisations such as local authority departments e.g. Housing benefit and social service departments
- Our regulator, auditors and utility companies or other organisations whom we are legally allowed to.

We will only share the minimum information necessary for the contractor to carry out their services on behalf of ISHA. We will not transfer your data outside the European Union.

## **8. Children's information**

ISHA does not normally process children's information as part of a tenancy or lease, as all tenants/leaseholders are adults. However, we record children's basic information if they are resident in one of our properties,. This is required for checking the property is not overcrowded and to assess other tenancy management issues where all householders and ages are required to be known.

We may receive children's information if we are involved in the housing and tenancy aspects of a welfare case as part of a multi-agency working solution.

## **9. How do we keep your information safe?**

We understand the importance of security of your personal information and take appropriate steps to safeguard it. We have internal policies and controls in place to make sure 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. All staff who have access to your data are trained in how to use your information in a secure and sensitive way. All hard copy personal files are kept in locked cabinets when not in use. Information on e-mails and in databases are password protected. We regularly review our IT provision to make ensure security and that we have is fit for purpose.

Where we engage third parties to process data on our behalf we do so on the basis of written instructions, are under a duty of confidentiality and are obliged to implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the security of data. We ensure that these third parties comply with the GDPR

#### **10. Automated Decision Making**

We do not use automated decision making

#### **11. How long do we keep your personal data?**

We keep data in accordance with our data retention policy

We maintain current tenant records for the duration of the tenancy or the lease or as long as money is owing on the account.

We maintain former tenant/leaseholder records for 6 years following the termination of the tenancy/lease after which all data will be destroyed, apart from basic information about who held a tenancy/lease and when, which will be kept forever.

#### **12. Your rights and your personal data**

Unless subject to an exemption under data protection legislation, you have the following rights with respect to your personal data:

- The right to request a copy of your personal data which ISHA holds about you; Please contact [isha@isha.co.uk](mailto:isha@isha.co.uk) if you want access to any of your personal data.
- The right to request that ISHA corrects any personal data if it is found to be inaccurate or out of date;
- The right to transfer personal data from our electronic processing system to another organisations electronic processing system;
- The right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioners Office;
- Where we rely on your consent as your legal basis to process your personal data, you have the right to withdraw your consent and ask for your data to be deleted or restrict/object to some elements of the processing. As we explain above we will not rely on consent in many cases.

#### **13. Further processing**

If we wish to use your personal data for a new purpose, not covered by this Privacy Statement, then we will provide you with a new notice explaining this new use prior to commencing the processing and setting out the relevant purposes and processing conditions. Where and whenever necessary, we will seek your prior consent to the new processing.

#### **14. Who do you contact?**

To exercise all relevant rights, queries of complaints please in the first instance contact ISHA at [isha@isha.co.uk](mailto:isha@isha.co.uk) or at 0300 131 7300.

#### **154. How can you complain?**

If you are not happy with the way your information is being handled, or with the response received from us you can contact the Information Commissioners Office on

0303 123 1113 or via email <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/email/> or at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire. SK9 5AF.