

Part A Data Protection Policy

Overview

Introduction

In order to operate, Epsom Choral Society needs to gather, store and use certain forms of information about individuals.

These can include members, employees, contractors, suppliers, volunteers, audiences and potential audiences, business contacts and other people Epsom Choral Society has a relationship with or regularly needs to contact.

This policy explains how this data should be collected, stored and used in order to meet Epsom Choral Society data protection standards and comply with the current UK Data Protection Act.

This policy ensures that Epsom Choral Society:

- Protects the rights of our members, volunteers and supporters
- Complies with data protection law and follows good practice
- Protects Epsom Choral Society from the risks of a data breach

Roles and responsibilities

Who and what does this policy apply to?

This applies to *all* those handling data on behalf of Epsom Choral Society e.g.:

- Committee members
- Employees and volunteers
- Members
- Contractors/third-party suppliers

It applies to all data that Epsom Choral Society holds relating to individuals, including:

- Names
- Email addresses
- Postal addresses

¹ Parts A and B separated 2024

- Phone numbers
- Any other personal information held (e.g. financial)

Roles

Epsom Choral Society is the Data Controller and will determine what data is collected and how it is used. The Committee is responsible for the secure, fair and transparent collection and use of data by Epsom Choral Society. Any questions relating to the collection or use of data should be directed to the Membership Secretary on membership@epsomchoralsociety.org.uk.²

Responsibilities

Everyone who has access to data as part of Epsom Choral Society has a responsibility to ensure that they adhere to this policy.

Data protection principles

1. We fairly and lawfully process personal data in a transparent way

Epsom Choral Society will only collect data where lawful and where it is necessary for the legitimate purposes of the society.

- A member's name and contact details will be collected when they first join Epsom Choral Society will be used to contact the member regarding Epsom Choral Society membership administration and activities. Other data may also subsequently be collected in relation to their membership, including their payment history for 'subs'. Where possible Epsom Choral Society will anonymise this data
 - Lawful basis for processing this data: Legitimate use (the collection and use of data is fair and reasonable in relation to Epsom Choral Society completing tasks expected as part of the individual's membership).
- The name and contact details of volunteers, employees and contractors will be collected when they take up a position, and will be used to contact them regarding Epsom Choral Society administration related to their role.

Further information, including personal financial information and criminal records information may also be collected in specific circumstances where lawful and necessary (in order to process payment to the person or in order to carry out a DBS check).

- Lawful basis for processing this data: Legitimate use (the collection and use of data is fair and reasonable in relation to Epsom Choral Society completing tasks expected as part of working with the individuals),
- An individual's name and contact details will be collected when they make a booking for an event. This will be used to contact them about their booking and to allow them entry to the event.
 - Lawful basis for processing this data: Legitimate use (the collection and use of data is fair and reasonable in relation to Epsom Choral Society completing tasks expected as part of the booking),

² Email address added 2024

- An individual's name, contact details and other details may be collected at any time (including when booking tickets or at an event), with their consent, in order for Epsom Choral Society to communicate with them about and promote Epsom Choral Society activities. See 'How we get consent' below.
 - Lawful basis for processing this data: Consent (see 'How we get consent')

2. We only collect and use personal data for specific, explicit and legitimate purposes and will only use the data for those specified purposes.

When collecting data, Epsom Choral Society will always provide a clear and specific privacy statement explaining why the data is required and what it will be used for. We will ensure any data collected is relevant and not excessive.

Epsom Choral Society will not collect or store more data than the minimum information required for its intended purpose.

3. ³We will not share personal details with Third Parties, except for legitimate purposes.

Legitimate purposes would only be for administration or security purposes, (e.g. sharing bank details with a bank, or sharing names with a venue being hired.)

4. We ensure data is accurate and up-to-date

Epsom Choral Society will ask members, volunteers and staff to check and update their data regularly. Any individual will be able to update their data at any point by contacting the Membership Secretary.

5. We ensure data is not kept longer than necessary

Epsom Choral Society will keep records for no longer than is necessary in order to meet the intended use for which it was gathered (unless there is a legal requirement to keep records).

The storage and intended use of data will be reviewed in line with Epsom Choral Society's data retention policy. When the intended use is no longer applicable (e.g. contact details for a member who has left the Society), the data will be deleted within a reasonable period.

6. We keep personal data secure

Epsom Choral Society will ensure that data held by us is kept secure.

- Electronically-held data will be held within a password-protected and secure environment
- Physically-held data (e.g. membership forms or email sign-up sheets) will be stored in a locked cupboard
- Access to data will only be given to relevant trustees/committee members/contractors where it is clearly necessary for the running of Epsom Choral Society. The Membership Secretary will decide in what situations this is applicable and will keep a master list of who has access to data.

³ Section added 2024

Individual's Rights

When Epsom Choral Society collects, holds and uses an individual's personal data that individual has the following rights over that data. Epsom Choral Society will ensure its data processes comply with those rights and will make all reasonable efforts to fulfil requests from an individual in relation to those rights.

Individual's rights

- *Right to be informed:* whenever Epsom Choral Society collects data it will provide a clear and specific privacy statement explaining why it is being collected and how it will be used.
- *Right of access:* individuals can request to see the data Epsom Choral Society holds on them and confirmation of how it is being used. Requests should be made in writing to the Membership Secretary and will be complied with free of charge and within one month. Where requests are complex or numerous this may be extended to two months.
- *Right to rectification:* individuals can request that their data be updated where it is inaccurate or incomplete. Epsom Choral Society will request that members, staff and contractors check and update their data on an annual basis. Any requests for data to be updated will be processed within one month.
- *Right to object:* individuals can object to their data being used for a particular purpose. Epsom Choral Society will always provide a way for an individual to withdraw consent in all marketing communications. Where we receive a request to stop using data we will comply unless we have a lawful reason to use the data for legitimate interests or contractual obligation.
- *Right to erasure:* individuals can request for all data held on them to be deleted. Epsom Choral Society's data retention policy will ensure data is not held for longer than is reasonably necessary in relation to the purpose it was originally collected. If a request for deletion is made we will comply with the request unless: a) There is a lawful reason to keep and use the data for legitimate interests or contractual obligation. b) There is a legal requirement to keep the data.
- *Right to restrict processing:* individuals can request that their personal data be 'restricted' – that is, retained and stored but not processed further (e.g. if they have contested the accuracy of any of their data, Epsom Choral Society will restrict the data while it is verified).

Though unlikely to apply to the data processed by Epsom Choral Society, we will also ensure that rights related to portability and automated decision making (including profiling) are complied with where appropriate.

Member-to-member contact

We only share members' data with other members with the subject's prior consent

As a membership organisation Epsom Choral Society encourages communication between members. To facilitate this:

- Members can request the personal contact data of other members in writing via the Membership Secretary. These details will be given, as long as they are for the purposes of

contacting the subject (e.g. an email address, not financial or health data) and the subject has consented to their data being shared with other members in this way.

How we get consent

Epsom Choral Society will regularly collect data from consenting supporters for marketing purposes. This includes contacting them to promote performances, updating them about Epsom Choral Society news, fundraising and other Epsom Choral Society activities.

Any time data is collected for this purpose, we will provide:

- A method for users to show their positive and active consent to receive these communications (e.g. a 'tick box')
- A clear and specific explanation of what the data will be used for (e.g. 'Tick this box if you would like Epsom Choral Society to send you email updates with details about our forthcoming events, fundraising activities and opportunities to get involved')

Data collected will only ever be used in the way described and consented to (e.g. we will not use email data in order to market third-party products unless this has been explicitly consented to).

Every marketing communication will contain a method through which a recipient can withdraw their consent (e.g. an 'unsubscribe' link in an email). Opt-out requests such as this will be processed within 14 days.

Cookies on the Epsom Choral Society website

A cookie is a small text file that is downloaded on to 'terminal equipment' (e.g. a computer or smartphone) when the user accesses a website. It allows the website to recognise that user's device and store some information about the user's preferences or past actions.

On their first visit to the website, Epsom Choral Society asks permission to use certain categories of cookies and complies with the given responses.

Part B Data retention policy

Overview

Introduction

This policy sets out how Epsom Choral Society will approach data retention and establishes processes to ensure we do not hold data for longer than is necessary.

It forms part of Epsom Choral Society Data Protection Policy.

Roles and responsibilities

Epsom Choral Society is the Data Controller and will determine what data is collected and how it is used. A Data Protection Officer for Epsom Choral Society is not required. The Committee is responsible for the secure, fair and transparent collection and use of data by Epsom Choral Society. Any questions relating to the collection or use of data should be directed to the Membership Secretary.

Regular Data Review

A regular review of all data will take place to establish if Epsom Choral Society still has good reason to keep and use the data held at the time of the review.

As a general rule a data review will be held every 2 years and no more than 27 calendar months after the last review. ⁴

Data to be reviewed

- Epsom Choral Society stores data on digital documents (e.g. spreadsheets) stored on personal devices held by committee members. (including on a cloud-based storage facility)⁵
- Data stored on third party online services (e.g. email addresses stored on Mail Chimp) ⁶
- Physical data stored at the homes of committee members

Who the review will be conducted by

The review will be conducted by the Membership Secretary.

How data will be deleted

- Physical data will be destroyed safely and securely, including shredding.
- All reasonable and practical efforts will be made to remove data stored digitally.
 - Priority will be given to any instances where data is stored in active lists (e.g. where it could be used) and to sensitive data.

⁴ Date of original review deleted 2024

⁵ Cloud-based added 2024

⁶ MailChimp example added 2024

- Where deleting the data would mean deleting other data that we have a valid lawful reason to keep (e.g. on old emails) then the data may be retained safely and securely but not used.

Criteria

The following criteria will be used to make a decision about what data to keep and what to delete.

Question	Action	
	Yes	No
Is the data stored securely?	No action necessary	Update storage protocol in line with Data Protection Policy
Does the original reason for having the data still apply?	Continue to use	Delete or remove data
Is the data being used for its original intention?	Continue to use	Either delete/remove or record lawful basis for use and get consent if necessary
Is there a statutory requirement to keep the data?	Keep the data at least until the statutory minimum no longer applies	Delete or remove the data unless Epsom Choral Society have reason to keep the data under other criteria.
Is the data accurate?	Continue to use	Ask the subject to confirm/update details
Where appropriate does Epsom Choral Society have consent to use the data. This consent could be implied by previous use and engagement by the individual	Continue to use	Get consent
Can the data be anonymised	Anonymise data	Continue to use

Statutory Requirements

Data stored by Epsom Choral Society may be retained based on statutory requirements for storing data other than data protection regulations. This might include but is not limited to:

- Gift Aid declarations records
- Details of payments made and received
- Trustee meeting minutes
- Contracts and agreements with suppliers/customers
- Insurance details
- Tax and employment records

Other data retention procedures

Member data

- When a member leaves Epsom Choral Society and all administrative tasks relating to their membership have been completed any potentially sensitive data held on them will be deleted – this might include bank details or medical data
- Unless consent has been given data will be removed from all email mailing lists
- All other data will be stored securely and reviewed as part of the next two-year review

Mailing list data

- If an individual opts out of a mailing list their data will be removed as soon as is practically possible.
- All other data will be stored securely and reviewed as part of the next two-year review

Volunteer and freelancer data

- When a volunteer or freelancer stops working with Epsom Choral Society and all administrative tasks relating to their work have been completed any potentially sensitive data held on them will be deleted – this might include bank details or medical data
- Unless consent has been given data will be removed from all email mailing lists
- All other data will be stored securely and reviewed as part of the next two-year review

Key details

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