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# HEALTHBRIDGE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH COOKIE POLICY

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This policy explains how we use cookies and similar technologies (e.g., pixels, local storage) on [www.healthbridge.org.uk]. By continuing to browse, you consent to essential cookies.

Non-essential cookies require explicit opt-in via our cookie banner.

### 2. WHAT ARE COOKIES?

-Cookies: Small text files stored on your device to enhance site functionality

-Types:

~Session: Deleted after browser closure

~Persistent: Remain for set periods (see Section 3 for durations)

### 3. HOW & WHY WE USE COOKIES

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Category	Purpose	Examples	Duration	Consent Needed?
Essential	Site security, login functionality	CSRF tokens	Session	No (legitimate interest)
Analytics	Track visits and performance	Google Analytics (_ga)	14 months	Yes (opt-in)

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Functional	Remember preferences (e.g., language)	Font size selections	30 days	Yes
Marketing	Ad targeting	Meta Pixel	90 days	Yes

### **Retention Notes:**

-Analytics data anonymized after 26 months (Google's default)

-Consent logs stored for **5 years** (UK GDPR audit requirement)

# 4. THIRD-PARTY COOKIES

We partner with:

-Google Analytics: Tracks anonymized site traffic (policy)

-LinkedIn: Enables sharing buttons (policy)

Note: Third parties may access data independently. We don't control their cookies.

### **5. YOUR COOKIE CHOICES**

#### **5.1 BROWSER CONTROLS**

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- -Block/delete cookies via browser settings
- -Opt out of analytics: Google's tool

#### **5.2 OUR COOKIE BANNER**

- -First visit: Accept/reject non-essential cookies
- -Change preferences: Click "Cookie Settings" in footer
- -Impact: Disabling cookies may break features (e.g., forms)

# **6. DATA PROTECTION**

- -No personal ID: Analytics uses pseudonymous data
- -GDPR compliance:
- ~Consent logs encrypted and stored for 5 years
- ~Regular audits of cookie scripts

# 7. POLICY UPDATES

We'll notify you of changes via:

- -Website banner for 30 days
- -Email alerts (registered users only)

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# 8. CONTACT US

For questions or data requests:

- [contact@healthbridge.org.uk]
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# 9. VERSION CONTROL

Version	Date	Changes Made	Approved By
1.0	30/07/2025	Initial policy draft.	Dr. James Stanley
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