**Job applicant privacy notice**

Railway Children is aware of its obligations under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and is committed to processing your data securely and transparently. This privacy notice sets out, in line with GDPR, the types of data that we collect and hold on you as a job applicant. It also sets out how we use that information, how long we keep it for and other relevant information about your data.

**Data controller details**

Railway Children is a data controller, meaning that it determines the processes to be used when using your personal data. Our contact details are as follows: Kath Backhouse Finance Director, Railway Children, 1 The Commons, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 1EG – [k.backhouse@railwaychildren.org.uk](mailto:k.backhouse@railwaychildren.org.uk)

**Data protection principles**

In relation to your personal data, we will:

* process it fairly, lawfully and in a clear, transparent way
* collect your data only for reasons that we find proper for the course of your employment in ways that have been explained to you
* only use it in the way that we have told you about
* ensure it is correct and up to date
* keep your data for only as long as we need it
* process it in a way that ensures it will not be used for anything that you are not aware of or have consented to (as appropriate), lost or destroyed.

**Types of data we process**

If you apply for a job with us we may hold certain types of data about you, including

* your personal details including your name, address, date of birth, email address, phone numbers
* whether or not you have a disability
* information included on your CV including references, education history and employment history
* information regarding criminal records

**How we collect your data**

We collect data about you in a variety of ways including the information you would normally include in a CV or a job application cover letter, or notes made by our recruiting officers during a recruitment interview.

In some cases, we will collect data about you from third parties, such as recruitment agencies, employment agencies or former employers when gathering references.

Personal data is kept in personnel files or within Railway Children’s HR and IT systems.

**Why we process your data**

The law on data protection allows us to process your data for certain reasons only:

* in order to perform the employment contract that we are party to
* in order to carry out legally required duties
* in order for us to carry out our legitimate interests
* to protect your interests and
* where something is done in the public interest.

All of the processing carried out by us falls into one of the permitted reasons. Generally, we will rely on the first three reasons set out above to process your data.

We need to collect your data to ensure we are complying with legal requirements such as:

* carrying out checks in relation to your right to work in the UK and
* making reasonable adjustments for disabled employees.

We also collect data so that we can carry out activities which are in the legitimate interests of the organisation. We have set these out below:

* making decisions about who to offer employment to
* making decisions about salary and other benefits
* dealing with legal claims made against us.

If you are unsuccessful in obtaining employment, your data will not be used for any reason other than in the ways explaining in relation to the specific application you have made.

**Criminal conviction data**

We will only collect criminal conviction data where it is appropriate given the nature of your role and where the law permits us. This data will usually be collected at the recruitment stage, however, may also be collected during your employment should you be successful in obtaining employment. We use criminal conviction data in the following ways:

* To assess suitability for working with children

We process this data in order to carry out our legitimate interests of protecting children from harm.

**If you do not provide your data to us**

One of the reasons for processing your data is to allow us to carry out an effective recruitment process. Whilst you are under no obligation to provide us with your data, we may not able to process, or continue with (as appropriate), your application.

**Sharing your data**

Your data will be shared with colleagues within Railway Children where it is necessary for them to undertake their duties with regard to recruitment. This includes, for example, the HR department, those in the department where the vacancy is who responsible for screening your application and interviewing you, the IT department where you require access to our systems to undertake any assessments requiring IT equipment.

In some cases, we will collect data about you from third parties, such as recruitment agencies, employment agencies or previous employers.

Your data will be shared with third parties if you are successful in your job application. In these circumstances, we will share your data in order to obtain references as part of the recruitment process/obtain a criminal records check.

We may share your personal data with Railway Children group organisations outside of the EEA. Where we do this the group charities will be bound by the eight data protection principles identified under GDPR.

**Protecting your data**

We are aware of the requirement to ensure your data is protected against accidental loss or disclosure, destruction and abuse. We have implemented processes to guard against such. Personal data is kept securely by the organisation with access granted to appropriate staff only. Any personal data shared externally is covered by data sharing agreements.

Where we share your data with third parties, we provide written instructions to them to ensure that your data are held securely and in line with GDPR requirements. Third parties must implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the security of your data.

**How long we keep your data for**

In line with data protection principles, we only keep your data for as long as we need it for and this will depend on whether or not you are successful in obtaining employment with us.

If your application is not successful and we have not sought consent or you have not provided consent upon our request to keep your data for the purpose of future suitable job vacancies, we will keep your data for six months once the recruitment exercise ends.

If your application is successful, your data will be kept and transferred to the systems we administer for employees. We have a separate privacy notice for employees, which will be provided to you.

**Automated decision making**

No decision will be made about you solely on the basis of automated decision making (where a decision is taken about you using an electronic system without human involvement) which has a significant impact on you.

**Your rights in relation to your data**

The law on data protection gives you certain rights in relation to the data we hold on you. These are:

* the right to be informed. This means that we must tell you how we use your data, and this is the purpose of this privacy notice
* the right of access. You have the right to access the data that we hold on you. To do so, you should make a subject access request
* the right for any inaccuracies to be corrected. If any data that we hold about you is incomplete or inaccurate, you are able to require us to correct it
* the right to have information deleted. If you would like us to stop processing your data, you have the right to ask us to delete it from our systems where you believe there is no reason for us to continue processing it
* the right to restrict the processing of the data. For example, if you believe the data we hold is incorrect, we will stop processing the data (whilst still holding it) until we have ensured that the data is correct
* the right to portability. You may transfer the data that we hold on you for your own purposes
* the right to object to the inclusion of any information. You have the right to object to the way we use your data where we are using it for our legitimate interests
* the right to regulate any automated decision-making and profiling of personal data. You have a right not to be subject to automated decision making in way that adversely affects your legal rights.

Where you have provided consent to our use of your data, you also have the unrestricted right to withdraw that consent at any time. Withdrawing your consent means that we will stop processing the data that you had previously given us consent to use. There will be no consequences for withdrawing your consent. However, in some cases, we may continue to use the data where so permitted by having a legitimate reason for doing so.

If you wish to exercise any of the rights explained above, please contact Kath Backhouse, Director of Finance – contact details are above.

**Making a complaint**

The supervisory authority in the UK for data protection matters is the Information Commissioner (ICO). If you think your data protection rights have been breached in any way by us, you are able to make a complaint to the ICO.