

Privacy Policy

Welcome to John Blair MLA – Constituency Office full privacy notice.

Overview

At John Blair MLA's Constituency Office we take your privacy seriously and we are committed to protecting your personal data. We aim to be clear about how we use personal data and this privacy notice will inform you as to how we look after your personal data, what personal data we process and why. It includes the relevant requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation. It applies both when you visit our website (regardless of where you visit it from) and when you use our services.

This privacy notice is provided in a layered format so you can click through to the specific areas set out below. Please also use the Glossary to understand the meaning of some of the terms used in this privacy notice. It will give you information about:

1. Who we are and who is responsible for your personal data
2. Where you can contact us if you have any questions about how your personal data is processed by us
3. What types of personal data we process and where we get that personal data from
4. How we use your personal data and what our legal basis for doing so is
5. Who we disclose your personal data to and why
6. Whether we transfer any of your data internationally
7. How we store your data securely
8. How long we hold your personal data for
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Changes to This Data Protection Notice

Like any business, our business will change over time and so will the way we use and protect your personal data. As a result, we may need to make changes to this General Data Protection Notice. These changes will not reduce your rights or the level of protection we apply to your personal information. The most up to date General Data Protection Advice will always be found online and we will clearly identify the changes we have made in regards to this, in any updates. You can contact us anytime via telephone 02890 840930 or email southantrim@johnblairmla.com

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1. Important information and who we are

This privacy notice aims to give you information on how John Blair MLA collects and processes your personal data through your dealings with us, via telephone, email or in person.

It is important that you read this privacy notice together with any other privacy notice or fair processing notice we may provide on specific occasions when we are collecting or processing personal data about you so that you are fully aware of how and why we are using your data. This privacy notice supplements the other notices and is not intended to override them.

Controller

John Blair MLA is the controller and responsible for your personal data (Collectively referred to as “John Blair MLA”, the “Alliance South Antrim Constituency Office” “we”, “us” or “our” in this privacy notice). When we refer to John Blair MLA we mean:

John Blair MLA – Alliance Party

Address: John Blair MLA Constituency Office, Unit 1c, 55 High Street, Antrim, BT41 4AY

Third-party links

We do not control these third-party websites and are not responsible for their privacy statements. When you engage with these organisations, I advise that you read their privacy statements.

2. Where you can contact us if you have any questions about how your personal data is processed by us

We have appointed a data privacy supervisor who is responsible for overseeing questions in relation to this privacy notice. If you have any questions about this privacy notice, including any requests to exercise your legal rights, please contact the data privacy supervisor, the Constituency Office Manager at southantrim@johnblairmla.com or telephone 02890 840930.

3. What types of personal data we process, where we get that personal data from

Personal data, or personal information, means any information about an individual from which that person can be identified. It does not include data where the identity has been removed (anonymous data).

We may need to collect, use, store and transfer different kinds of personal data about you which we have grouped together as follows:

- Identity Data includes first name, last name, username or similar identifier, title, date of birth, National Insurance number and Health and Social Care number.
- Contact Data includes billing address, email address and telephone numbers.
- Financial Data includes bank details (note this data is not stored), income and benefit payments.
- Special Data includes details about:
 - Race
 - Ethnic Origin
 - Political
 - Religion
 - Memberships
 - Health
 - Sex
 - Sexual Orientation
 - Gender
- Technical Data includes internet protocol (IP) address and other technology on the devices you use to access this website.
- Marketing and Communications Data includes your preferences in receiving marketing from us.

We also collect, use and share Aggregated Data such as statistical data for any purpose. Aggregated Data may be derived from your personal data but is not considered personal data in law as this data does not directly or indirectly reveal your identity. However, if we combine or connect Aggregated Data with your personal data so that it can directly or indirectly identify you, we treat the combined data as personal data which will be used in accordance with this privacy notice.

If you fail to provide personal data we may not be able to perform the service we have or are trying to help you with (for example, to provide you with benefit details). In this case, we may have to cancel a service you have with us but we will notify you if this is the case at the time.

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How is your personal data collected?

We use different methods to collect data from and about you including through:
Direct interactions. You may give us your Identity, Contact and Financial Data by filling in forms or by corresponding with us by post, phone, email or otherwise. This includes personal data you provide when you:

- Use our services;
- Participate in our events
- Directly working with us

4. How we use your personal data

We will only use your personal data when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we will use your personal data in the following circumstances:

- Where we need to perform the service we are about to enter into or have entered into with you.
- Where it is necessary for our legitimate interests (or those of a third party) and your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests.
- Where we need to comply with a legal or regulatory obligation.

Generally, we do not rely on consent as a legal basis for processing your personal data.

Purposes for which we will use your personal data

We have set out below, in a table format, a description of all the ways we plan to use your personal data, and which of the legal bases we rely on to do so. We have also identified what our legitimate interests are where appropriate.

Note that we may process your personal data for more than one lawful ground depending on the specific purpose for which we are using your data. Please contact us if you need details about the specific legal ground we are relying on to process your personal data where more than one ground has been set out in the table below.

South Antrim Alliance

Purpose/Activity	Type of data	Lawful basis for processing including basis of legitimate interest
To register you as a new service user	(a) Identity (b) Contact	Performance of a contract with you
To manage our relationship with you which will include: (a) Notify you about information relevant to our services; (b) Notifying you about changes to our terms or privacy policy	(a) Identity (b) Contact (c) Profile (d) Marketing and Communications	(a) Performance of a contract with you (b) Necessary to comply with a legal obligation (c) Necessary for our legitimate interests (to keep our records updated and to study how customers use our products/services)
To administer and protect our operations and this website (including troubleshooting, data analysis, testing, system maintenance, support, reporting and hosting of data)	(a) Identity (b) Contact (c) Technical	(a) Necessary for our legitimate interests (for running our operation, provision of administration and IT services, network security, to prevent fraud and in the context of a business reorganisation or group restructuring exercise) (b) Necessary to comply with a legal obligation
To make suggestions and recommendations to you about services that may be of interest to you	(a) Identity (b) Contact (c) Technical (d) Usage (e) Profile	Necessary for our legitimate interests (to develop our products/services and grow our business)

Marketing

We strive to provide you with choices regarding certain personal data uses, particularly around marketing. We have established the following personal data control mechanisms:

We may use your Identity, Contact, Technical, Usage and Profile Data to form a view on what we think you may want or need, or what may be of interest to you.

You will receive marketing communications from us if you have requested information from us or received services from us and, in each case, you have not opted out of receiving that marketing.

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Third-party marketing

We will get your express opt-in consent before we share your personal data with any company outside John Blair MLA for marketing purposes.

Opting out

You can ask us to stop sending you messages at any time by contacting us at any time.

Where you opt out of receiving these messages, this will not apply to personal data provided to us as a result of a service use.

Cookies

You can set your browser to refuse all or some browser cookies, or to alert you when websites set or access cookies. If you disable or refuse cookies, please note that some parts of our website may become inaccessible or not function properly.

Change of purpose

We will only use your personal data for the purposes for which we collected it, unless we reasonably consider that we need to use it for another reason and that reason is compatible with the original purpose. If you wish to get an explanation as to how the processing for the new purpose is compatible with the original purpose, please contact us.

If we need to use your personal data for an unrelated purpose, we will notify you and we will explain the legal basis which allows us to do so.

Please note that we may process your personal data without your knowledge or consent, in compliance with the above rules, where this is required or permitted by law.

5. Who we disclose your personal data to and why

We may have to share your personal data with the parties set out below for the purposes set out in the table in paragraph 4 above.

- Internal Third Parties as set out in the Glossary.
- External Third Parties as set out in the Glossary.

We require all third parties to respect the security of your personal data and to treat it in accordance with the law. We do not allow our third-party service providers to use your personal data for their own purposes and only permit them to process your personal data for specified purposes and in accordance with our instructions.

We have a shared data agreement with all third party parties.

6. International transfers

Whenever we transfer your personal data out of the EEA, we ensure a similar degree of protection is afforded to it by ensuring the following safeguard is implemented:

- Where we use certain service providers, we may use specific contracts approved by the European Commission which give personal data the same protection it has in Europe e.g. contacting the Irish Passport Office.

7. How we store your data securely

We have put in place appropriate security measures to prevent your personal data from being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way, altered or disclosed. In addition, we limit access to your personal data to those employees, agents, contractors and other third parties who have a business need to know. They will only process your personal data on our instructions and they are subject to a duty of confidentiality.

We have put in place procedures to deal with any suspected personal data breach and will notify you and any applicable regulator of a breach where we are legally required to do so.

8. Data retention

How long will you use my personal data for?

We will only retain your personal data for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes we collected it for, including for the purposes of satisfying any legal, accounting, or reporting requirements.

To determine the appropriate retention period for personal data, we consider the amount, nature, and sensitivity of the personal data, the potential risk of harm from unauthorised use or disclosure of your personal data, the purposes for which we process your personal data and whether we can achieve those purposes through other means, and the applicable legal requirements.

Details of retention periods for different aspects of your personal data are available in our data storage and retention policy which you can request from us by contacting us.

In some circumstances you can ask us to delete your data: see Request erasure below for further information.

In some circumstances we may anonymise your personal data (so that it can no longer be associated with you) for research or statistical purposes in which case we may use this information indefinitely without further notice to you.

9. What rights you have in relation to your personal data and how you can exercise these rights

Under certain circumstances, you have rights under data protection laws in relation to your personal data. Please click on the links below to find out more about these rights:

You have the right to make a complaint at any time to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), the UK supervisory authority for data protection issues (www.ico.org.uk). Address: Information Commissioner's Office 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB Tel: 028 9027 8757 or 0303 123 1114 Email: ni@ico.org.uk.

We would, however, appreciate the chance to deal with your concerns before you approach the ICO so please contact us in the first instance.

When we receive a complaint from a person we make up a file containing the details of the complaint. This normally contains the identity of the complainant and any other individuals involved in the complaint.

We will only use the personal information we collect to process the complaint and to check on the level of service we provide.

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We usually have to disclose the complainant's identity to whoever the complaint is about. This is inevitable where, for example, the accuracy of a person's record is in dispute. If a complainant doesn't want information identifying him or her to be disclosed, we will try to respect that. However, it may not be possible to handle a complaint on an anonymous basis.

We will keep personal information contained in complaint files in line with our retention policy. This means that information relating to a complaint will be retained for two years from closure. It will be retained in a secure environment and access to it will be restricted according to the 'need to know' principle.

Similarly, where enquiries are submitted to us we will only use the information supplied to us to deal with the enquiry and any subsequent issues and to check on the level of service we provide, you have the right to:

- Request access to your personal data (commonly known as a "data subject access request"). This enables you to receive a copy of the personal data we hold about you and to check that we are lawfully processing it.
- Request correction of the personal data that we hold about you. This enables you to have any incomplete or inaccurate data we hold about you corrected, though we may need to verify the accuracy of the new data you provide to us.
- Request erasure of your personal data. This enables you to ask us to delete or remove personal data where there is no good reason for us continuing to process it. You also have the right to ask us to delete or remove your personal data where you have successfully exercised your right to object to processing (see below), where we may have processed your information unlawfully or where we are required to erase your personal data to comply with local law. Note, however, that we may not always be able to comply with your request of erasure for specific legal reasons which will be notified to you, if applicable, at the time of your request.
- Object to processing of your personal data where we are relying on a legitimate interest (or those of a third party) and there is something about your particular situation which makes you want to object to processing on this ground as you feel it impacts on your fundamental rights and freedoms. You also have the right to object where we are processing your personal data for direct marketing purposes. In some cases, we may demonstrate that we have compelling legitimate grounds to process your information which override your rights and freedoms.
- Request restriction of processing of your personal data. This enables you to ask us to suspend the processing of your personal data in the following scenarios: (a) if you want us to establish the data's accuracy; (b) where our use of the data is unlawful but you do not want us to erase it; (c) where you need us to hold the data even if we no longer require it as you need it to establish, exercise or defend

legal claims; or (d) you have objected to our use of your data but we need to verify whether we have overriding legitimate grounds to use it.

- Request the transfer of your personal data to you or to a third party. We will provide to you, or a third party you have chosen, your personal data in a structured, commonly used, machine-readable format. Note that this right only applies to automated information which you initially provided consent for us to use or where we used the information to perform a contract with you.
- Withdraw consent at any time where we are relying on consent to process your personal data. However, this will not affect the lawfulness of any processing carried out before you withdraw your consent. If you withdraw your consent, we may not be able to provide certain services to you. We will advise you if this is the case at the time you withdraw your consent.

If you wish to exercise any of the rights set out above, please contact us.

No fee usually required

You will not have to pay a fee to access your personal data (or to exercise any of the other rights). However, we may charge a reasonable fee if your request is clearly unfounded, repetitive or excessive. Alternatively, we may refuse to comply with your request in these circumstances.

What we may need from you

We may need to request specific information from you to help us confirm your identity and ensure your right to access your personal data (or to exercise any of your other rights). This is a security measure to ensure that personal data is not disclosed to any person who has no right to receive it. We may also contact you to ask you for further information in relation to your request to speed up our response.

Time limit to respond

We try to respond to all legitimate requests within one month. Occasionally it may take us longer than a month if your request is particularly complex or you have made a number of requests. In this case, we will notify you and keep you updated.

10. Glossary

LAWFUL BASIS

Legitimate Interest means the interest of our business in conducting and managing our business to enable us to give you the best service and the best and most secure experience. We make sure we consider and balance any potential impact on you (both positive and negative) and your rights before we process your personal data for our legitimate interests. We do not use your personal data for activities where our interests are overridden by the impact on you (unless we have your consent or are otherwise required or permitted to by law). You can obtain further information about how we assess our legitimate interests against any potential impact on you in respect of specific activities by contacting us.

Performance of Contract means processing your data where it is necessary for the performance of a contract to which you are a party or to take steps at your request before entering into such a contract.

Comply with a legal or regulatory obligation means processing your personal data where it is necessary for compliance with a legal or regulatory obligation that we are subject to.

THIRD PARTIES

Internal Third Parties

Service providers acting as processors based in the EEA who provide services including IT and system administration services. This includes the Northern Ireland Assembly – IT Service Desk, eCasework and Wix.

External Third Parties

Other offices in the Alliance Party acting as joint controllers or processors and who are based in the EEA and other MLA's of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Organisations, for example, statutory or community, to help provide you with the best service possible to enable us to raise any concerns or queries that you have asked us to resolve.

Professional advisers acting as processors or joint controllers including lawyers, bankers, auditors and insurers based in the United Kingdom who provide consultancy, banking, legal, insurance and accounting services.

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HM Revenue & Customs, regulators and other authorities acting as processors or joint controllers based in the United Kingdom.

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