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Horsham Matters is committed to processing data in accordance with its responsibilities under the Data Protection Act 2018 which is the UK's implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

1. Definitions

Charity:	Horsham Matters, a registered Charity
GDPR:	General Data Protection Regulation
Responsible Person:	The Chief Executive Officer of the Charity
Register of Systems:	A register of all systems or contexts in which the Charity processes personal data

2. Data protection principles

Article 5 of the GDPR requires that personal data shall be:

- a. processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals.
- b. collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes; further processing for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes shall not be considered to be incompatible with the initial purposes.
- c. adequate, relevant, and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed.
- d. accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date; every reasonable step must be taken to ensure that personal data that are inaccurate, having regard to the purposes for which they are processed, are erased or rectified without delay.
- e. kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the personal data are processed; personal data may be stored for longer periods insofar as the personal data will be processed solely for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes subject to implementation of the appropriate technical and organisational measures required by the GDPR in order to safeguard the rights and freedoms of individuals; and
- f. processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data, including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction, or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational measures."

3. General Provisions

- a. This policy applies to all personal data processed by the Charity.
- b. The Responsible Person shall take responsibility for the Charity's ongoing compliance with this policy.
- c. This policy shall be reviewed at least annually.
- d. The Charity is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office as an organisation that processes personal data.

4. Lawful, fair, and transparent processing

- a. To ensure its processing of data is lawful, fair, and transparent, the Charity shall maintain a Register of Systems.
- b. The Register of Systems shall be reviewed at least annually.
- c. Individuals have the right to access their personal data and any such requests made to the charity shall be dealt with in a timely manner.

5. Lawful purposes

All data processed by the charity must be done on one of the following lawful bases: consent, contract, legal obligation, vital interests, public task, or legitimate interests.

- a. The Charity shall note the appropriate lawful basis in the Register of Systems.
- b. Where consent is relied upon as a lawful basis for processing data, evidence of opt-in consent shall be kept with the personal data.
- c. Where communications are sent to individuals based on their consent, the option for the individual to revoke their consent should be clearly available and systems should be in place to ensure such revocation is reflected accurately in the Charity's systems.

6. Data minimisation

- a. The Charity shall ensure that personal data is adequate, relevant, and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed.
- b. The Charity may be required to request personal data in order to comply with a third-party system such as the issuing of Trussell Trust foodbank vouchers; fair processing notices will be required from third parties and data subjects will be asked for consent.

7. Accuracy

- a. The Charity shall take reasonable steps to ensure personal data is accurate.
- b. Where necessary for the lawful basis on which data is processed, steps shall be put in place to ensure that personal data is kept up to date.
- c. The Charity's clients will be asked at regular intervals for personal data updates through communication with the Charity.

8. Archiving/removal

- a. To ensure that personal data is kept for no longer than necessary, the Charity shall put in place an archiving processes for each area in which personal data is processed and review this process annually.
- b. The archiving processes shall consider what data should/must be retained, for how long, and why and detailed in the Register of Systems.

9. Security

- a. The Charity shall ensure that personal data is stored securely using modern software that is kept up to date.
- b. Access to personal data shall be limited to personnel who need access and appropriate security should be in place to avoid unauthorised sharing of information.
- c. Personal data held in paper form will be as limited as possible but will always be secured in locked cabinets.
- d. When personal data is deleted, this should be done safely such that the data is irrecoverable.
- e. Appropriate back-up and disaster recovery solutions shall be in place.

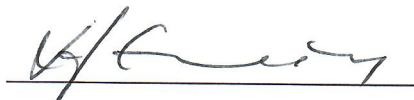
10. Breach

In the event of a breach of security leading to the accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of, or access to, personal data, the Charity shall promptly assess the risk to people's rights and freedoms and if appropriate report this breach to the ICO.

The Trustees will assess whether the breach requires reporting to ICO and will as deemed necessary seek guidance from the ICO.

All potential breaches investigated by the Charity will be recorded in the Investigated Potential Data Breach Log.

Signed by the Chairperson



Linda Emery