

Church of England Data Protection Impact Assessment Guidance

Introduction to Data Protection Impact Assessments

What Is a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)?

A DPIA is a simple, risk-based mechanism to help identify the level of risk to personal data when implementing a new activity, project or system. It enables an organisation systematically to analyse how a project or system will affect the privacy of the individuals involved. DPIAs include an assessment of personal and sensitive personal data used by Data Controller and Data Processor in processing activities.

Why is a DPIA needed?

A DPIA will help to ensure that potential problems with a project or change are identified at an early stage, when addressing them is usually simpler and less costly. Conducting a DPIA is required as an integral part of privacy by design required to achieve compliance with the current Data Protection Regulations.

Definitions

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Privacy Personal Data	Information privacy is the ability of a person to control, edit, manage and delete information about themselves and to decide how and to what extent such information is communicated to others. Is data that relates to a living individual, who can be identified from			
	that data, or from a combination of that data and other information held by, or likely to come into the possession of, the Data Controller or Data Processor. Examples include HR records or client data.			
Special Category Data	Is data which relates to ethnic or racial origin, political opinion,			
(Formerly known as	religious or similar belief, sexual life, physical or mental condition and			
Sensitive Personal	information related to criminal activity. The GDPR extends this			
Data)	definition to include genetic, biometric or health data where			
	processed to uniquely identify a person.			
Processing	Encompasses the following aspects of an operation, such as obtaining, recording, storage (including backup copies), retrieval, erasure, manipulation, organisation, combination (with other data), adaptation or alteration, consultation or use of the information or data.			
Data Controller	Is the person or organisation who collects, processes and manages personal data, and has a legal basis for doing so.			
Data Processor	Is any third party who processes personal data on behalf of National Church Institutions .			

When is a DPIA required?

At the point where any process, programme or project brief is being created, it must be risk assessed using a DPIA, usually prior to the project initiation phase. If the project will involve a system or service being procured, the needs of the project should be established before procurement takes place. This ensures the risks, and costs of mitigating those risks are fully understood when assessing the viability of the project.

Examples of situations where a DPIA is suitable include:

- A new IT system for storing and accessing personal data
- A new database which consolidates information that has been held separately
- A data sharing initiative where National Church Institutions and third-party organisations seek to pool or link sets of personal data
- Using existing data for a new or more intrusive purpose.

DPIAs should be conducted for changes to existing processes even if a DPIA has been carried out before.

Completing the DPIA

Each section of the DPIA is to be completed as fully as possible. Guidance notes are provided. If a question or section is not relevant to your project, then it should be indicated as Not Applicable (N/A).

Prior to completing the template, you should familiarise yourself with **National Church Institutions**' Data Protection Policies and Procedures.

When completed the guidance notes can be removed from the document.

Support Questionnaire

In the appendix to this template is a simple questionnaire that will help you to think about the kinds of thing that you need to consider when doing a DPIA, especially if you have not had much experience in completing one before.

Process For completion

- The Project Manager/Lead Officer from the department completes the DPIA
 - ▶ Section 1 This provides an initial assessment to identify if a DPIA is required
 - Section 2 This section must be completed if any of the initial screening answers are YES
- Send the completed DPIA to the Data Protection Officer and others who have been consulted, for review and feedback
- Once the review process is completed, the DPIA should be signed off by the SRO/PM/Lead Officer, as appropriate.
- The Project Manager/Lead Officer keeps a copy of the signed DPIA with their project documentation, and a copy provided to the DPO.

Information Commissioner Review

Under Data Protection Regulations where there is a significant risk to personal data that cannot be mitigated, and there is no option to terminate the project then the Data Protection Impact Assessment must be submitted to the Information Commissioners Office for review.

Data Protection Impact Assessment Initial Screening

Section 1 - Assessment Details

1.1	Project/Programme/Process Title	Church of England National Safeguarding Information Sharing
1.2	Form Completion Date	14/1/2022
1.3	Your Name	Nathalie Ballard
1.4	Your Job Title	Information Sharing Project Senior Responsible Officer/ Deputy Director National Safeguarding Team

1.5 Project or change overview, and the personal data activities involved

Response

Sharing safeguarding information for the purposes listed in Section 2 of the CoE National Safeguarding Information Sharing Agreement between the Partner Organisations.

1.6 Initial Screening Questions

3	Question	Υ	N
1	Will the project involve the collection of new information about individuals?	Х	
2	Will the project compel individuals to provide information about themselves?	Χ	
3	Will information about individuals be shared with organisations or people who have not previously had routine access to the information?	Х	
4	Will information already held about individuals be used for a purpose for which it is not currently used?	Х	
5	Will the project involve using technology, which may be perceived as being privacy intrusive? E.g. fingerprint readers, facial recognition, voice recording.		Х
6	Will the project result in making decisions or acting against individuals in ways that can have a significant impact on them? E.g. change of social or medical wellbeing.	Х	
7	Will the information processed be considered personal sensitive data, which is likely to raise privacy concerns? For example, health records.	Х	

If the answer to any of the above questions is **YES**, section 2 **MUST** be completed.

If all the answers are **NO**, you do not need to complete section 2, only sign below and save to the appropriate related project file.

Signature	Date
	14/01/2022
Nathalie Ballard	

Section 2 - Privacy Impact Assessment Checklist

Background

Has a DPIA been undertaken for this project (or one similar) before? If so, please give dates and brief details. This should also include the details of the relationship with and Third-Party processors (if applicable) and the relationship with Data Subject/s whose data will be processed.

Response:		
No		

Project Status

At what stage in the project lifecycle are you completing this DPIA and what is the target deadline for "go live"?

Response:

The DPIA is being undertaken prior to the finalisation of the Information Sharing Agreement (ISA). The aim is to have the key mechanisms in place by the mid-January 2022.

Legal Requirements

Is the project subject to any legal requirements or standards? e.g. Charities Act 2011

Response:	
No	

Data Involved

The project will use (process) the following data (add rows where required).

Type of data	Data Source	Data Source Owner	Is the Data Sensitive Personal Data (Y/N)
Personal data relating to xxx of the Partner Organisations as outlined in the Safeguarding	Partner Organisations	Partner Organisations	Yes
information Sharing Agreement			

Data Collection

Will the data collection be fair and transparent?

Type of Data	How will the data be collected	How will the reason for data collection be communicated to the individual
Personal data relating to xxx	Through various processes,	Privacy Notice published by all
as outlined in the		Partner Organisations
Safeguarding information		
Sharing Agreement		



Data Relevancy

Is the data collection limited to what is adequate and relevant?

Type of Data	Reasons why you need to collect the	Is there lawful basis and/or condition for processing the data?	Is a Legitimate Interest
	data, and how it will be used in the		Assessment is required If
	project		so, has this been
			undertaken
Personal data	Data is collected for safeguarding	Depending on the data and the reason for sharing the following lawful bases	N/A
relating to	purposes and will be shared with	will be applied:	
safeguarding as	Partners for the purposes specified in	Consent (Art 6(1)(a)	
outlined in the	Section 2 of the ISA.	Legal obligation (Art 6(1)(c))	
ISA.		Vital Interest (Article 6(1)(d)	
		Public task (Article 6(1)(e))	
Special category	Data is collected for safeguarding	Depending on the data and the reason for sharing the following conditions	N/A
Personal Data as	purposes and will be shared with	will be applied:	
outlined in the	Partners for the purposes specified in	Explicit consent (Art 9(2)(a))	
Safeguarding ISA.	Section 2 of the ISA.	Vital interests (Art 9(2)(c))	
		Legal claims (Art 9(2)(f))) -	
		Substantial Public interest (Art 9(2)(g)):	
		Data Protection Act 2018 s. 10(3)	
		Archiving, research and statistics (Art 9(2)(j)	

Data Source

Will the data be collected from sources other than the data subject?

Type of Data	Have you sourced the data directly from the individual? (Answer N/A if information gathered form 3 rd party)	Is information being collected from an external data source? (Answer N/A if sourced directly from individual)	If collecting from an external source – has the individual whose data, you are collecting been informed (either by yourself or the external source)
Personal data relating to safeguarding	Yes	Yes (see List in Appendix A of the	Yes a Privacy Notice will be provided by
as outlined in the ISA.		Safeguarding ISA)	Partner Organisations.

Consent

How will consent be obtained, monitored, and managed? Can consent be withdrawn easily and a record of withdrawal maintained? (Add rows where required).

Type of Data	How will consent be	How and where will the	Is mechanism is in place to	What mechanism is in place for dealing
	gathered	consent be recorded	renew consent	with the withdrawal of consent?
Safeguarding data as	Partner Organisations will	Use of an appropriate	Partner Organisations	Partner organisations are responsible for
outlined in Appendix A	obtain consent from the Data	consent form	responsible for ensuring this.	ensuring this process in accordance with
	Subjects			their Privacy Notice.

Additional processes

Will the data be processed for a new purpose not originally specified at collection?

Type of Data	Is there a lawful purpose for the additional processing? e.g. legal obligation	If personal data will be processed for a different purpose than originally required, will additional consent be required?	How will additional consent be gathered?	How will additional consent be stored and managed?
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Sharing Data

Who do you intend to share the data with? (Name all intended internal and external recipients)?

Data Title	Who will be given access to the data	Reason for sharing	Is a data processor agreement required for 3 rd parties	If sharing with a 3 rd party processor, are they a GDPR compliant organisation?	Are data subjects aware of the 3 rd party data sharing?
Safeguarding data as outlined in Appendix A	Partners of the ISA; external IT contractors	Purposes as listed in Section 2 of the ISA.	Yes. A 3 rd party processing agreement is in place with IT contractors/suppliers.	Yes	Yes. It is included in the relevant Privacy Notice.

Processing Scale

Will the Data Processing involve the processing of high volumes of data?

Type of Data	Are there a high number of individuals whose is being processed within this project?	Does the processing involve a wide range of different data items? E.g. high number of data fields or data items per data subject.
Safeguarding data as outlined in Appendix A	Yes	Yes, it will include a variety of data items including name, role, contact details, financial information, health information etc. See List in Appendix A of the Safeguarding ISA.

Transferring data

When obtaining and/or sharing data, how will it be transferred? E.g. via secure webpage, encrypted email.

Type of Data	Is there an intention to share the data internally with users who previously had no access to this data?	Is there an intention to share the data with 3rd parties external to the institutional Church of England?	Are arrangements in place for the secure electronic and physical transfers of the information being shared?	Will the data be shared outside the UK?	If the data will be shared outside the UK what measures have been taken to make sure the data is handled in compliance with GDPR?
Safeguarding data as outlined in Appendix A	Yes – internally across the institutional Church of England	Yes. Data will be shared with The Safeguarding Company within the National Safeguarding Case Management System	Yes – there are secure methods of either sharing or uploading information into secure electronic environments	Yes. It will be shared with the Bishops Office in Brussels; the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands	Adequacy arrangements

Storage

How will the data be stored and for how long?

Data Title	How will the data be stored?	How long will the data be	How will the data be erased	How will the destruction of
		retained?	when redundant?	copies be ensured?
Safeguarding data as outlined in	On the dedicated National	Various in accordance with	Manual Deletion	Manual checks
Appendix A	Safeguarding Case Management	the relevant retention and		
	System and local systems within	disposal criteria		
	Partner Organisations			

Permissions

How will access to the data be controlled?

Data Title	Are there sufficient controls over who can	If the system can be accessed remotely, are
	administer and use the system on which data will	adequate protection measures in place?
	be held?	
Safeguarding data as outlined in Appendix A	Yes, the systems have appropriate access controls	All national systems are controlled by 2FA
	in place (passwords, 2FA).	

Security

Has a Security Risk Assessment been undertaken on the new system? Are robust technical and operational security measures in place? E.g. IT systems updated; staff trained. Do you plan to use live personal data in testing the new system?

Response:

The systems have been evaluated to ensure that the appropriate security measures are in place for maintaining the information.

CCTV

Does the project involve any surveillance of individuals? If so, what guidance and legislation has been consulted?

Response:

N/A

Corporate/ Organisational Benefits

Does the data processing benefit your organisation or society as a whole? For example will data gathered be used for marketing and/or fundraising activities?

Response:

The sharing will enable the Church to protect children and vulnerable adults from abuse within the Church of England. Data sharing is essential for effective safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. It is a key factor identified in many serious cases where inadequate data sharing has resulted in missed opportunities to take action that keeps children, young people and vulnerable adults safe. The sharing will also enable the Church to ensure appropriate pastoral care or therapeutic support. Data sharing for effective safeguarding is a requirement of safeguarding guidance issued by the House of Bishops under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016. The Safeguarding (Code of Practice) Measure 2021 (the 2021 Measure) replaces and strengthens the duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' safeguarding guidance with a duty to comply with the requirements in a new safeguarding code of practice (the Code).



Section 3 - Risk Assessment

What are the risks to the individuals whose data is being used in this project?

The purpose of this section is to score the risks to personal data used within this project.

Risk	Current Mitigations	Impact (i)	Likelihood (I)	Risk rating (i x l x2)	Required Mitigations	Residual likelihood (rl)	Residual risk (ixrlx2)
Information sharing agreements with Partner Organisations not in place	Information sharing agreement being developed.	2	2	8	Finalisation of the ISA, and partner organisations signing up to it.	1	4
The individual Partner Organisations will not have the capability to ensure compliance with information sharing requirements.	Partner organisations are required to put in place the organisational and technical measures to comply with data protection legislation.	2	3	12	Partner organisations should review their data protection arrangements and find pragmatic solutions for what could be a limited requirement.	2	8
Loss of control over personal data when being stored.	Systems or storage locations have appropriate security controls in place.	3	1	6	Partner organisations should train their staff on keeping data secure and ensure all storage repositories, including for paper storage, are secure and only accessed by authorised individuals	1	6
Processing Is not transparent: data subjects not being provided with details of how their information is being processed therefore breaching the principles of the data protection act.	Privacy Notice being developed for the purpose of sharing information between partner organisations.	2	3	12	Finalisation and distribution of the Privacy Notice	1	4
Loss of control over personal data when being transferred	Implementation of the National Safeguarding Case Management System; a list of suitable transfer	3	2	12	At the time data sharing is required, each partner organisation must look to use the safest method of sharing that they have access to, or ensure	1	6

	methods are provided in the Framework document.				that they provide suitably secure methods using appropriate software or applications, and train their staff to use them.		
Reputational damage to the Church because of poor information sharing practices	In the process of implementing controls to minimise the risks and therefore reduce the risk of any reputational damage occurring.	3	2	12	Each Partner Organisation should ensure that they have the appropriate controls in place to share information, and that the Partner Organisation that they are planning to share data with has equally appropriate controls in place for protecting the data being shared	1	6
Loss of control over data when being shared; data is shared with unauthorised people, or without a lawful basis	Authorised individuals have been listed in the ISA and all lawful bases have been provided.	2	1	4	Partners will receive additional training on data sharing, and core groups will be reminded about what data sharing controls apply.	1	4
Data subject are harmed or detrimentally affected because information is not shared.	The ISA facilitates appropriate sharing and is clear about the purposes for information sharing. An information sharing flow chart has been provided to support decision making.	3	1	6	Partners will receive additional training on data sharing, including ad-hoc information sharing.	1	6
Loss of control over personal data as a result of data being shared unlawfully due a change in legislation or process which is not updated in the ISA.	A period of review is stated in the ISA, and appropriate steps are in place for urgent or required changes to be made when necessary. The Lead Signatory will be advised if the law or processes	2	2	8	All Partners to monitor changes in practice or process and inform the Lead Signatory. The NCIs DPO and the CoE DPO network will monitor changes in the law. Updates will be issued to all partners when necessary.	1	6

	change that affect information sharing.						
Data subject could be harmed or experience detriment if data is not be shared due to lack of awareness by a Partner organisation that they have entered into a sharing agreement.	The project has communicated with a number of individuals at various levels across all partner organisations.	3	2	12	All Partner organisation to ensure that the documents and agreements are shared with relevant individuals and that appropriate handover is done if senior officers leave the organisation; the NCIs will inform the HR, DSA, DPO and Communications networks.	1	6
Data subject will be unable to exercise control, or their data protection rights, due to misunderstanding by Partners about the use of consent as a lawful basis.	The use of consent is defined in the ISA, and when this is an appropriate lawful basis.	2	2	8	Information sharing training and guidance to be provided to Partner organisations; clarifying the use of consent for data processing in Safeguarding Policy and Practice guidance; advice to be provided by data protection leads/DPO's in Partner Organisations	2	8



Section 4 – Review and Sign-Off

DPO comments

Comments:

Although there are overall risk rating is medium, there are a number of mitigations required from all Partner organisation to achieve this risk level. Partner Organisations must take responsibility for ensuring that they are compliant with the requirements of Information Sharing as outlined in the ISA, and to undertaking the necessary actions to mitigate risks in their organisations.

If there any risks that cannot be mitigated this must be brought to the attention of the Lead Signatory.

Required Mitigations

#	Required Mitigation to achieve residual risk
1	Finalisation of the ISA, and Partner Organisations signing up to it.
2	Finalisations and publication of the HR Information Sharing Privacy Notice
3	Partner organisations should review their data protection arrangements and find pragmatic solutions for what could be a limited requirement.
4	Partner organisations should train their staff on keeping data secure and ensure all storage
	repositories, including for paper storage, are secure and only accessed by authorised individuals
5	At the time data sharing is required, each partner organisation must look to use the safest method of sharing that they have access to or ensure that they provide suitably secure methods using appropriate software or applications and train their staff to use them.
6	Each Partner Organisation should ensure that they have the appropriate controls in place to share information, and that the Partner Organisation that they are planning to share data with has equally appropriate controls in place for protecting the data being shared
7	Partners will receive additional training on data sharing, core groups will be reminded about what data sharing controls apply.
8	All Partners to monitor changes in practice or process and inform the Lead Signatory. The NCIs DPO and the CoE DPO network will monitor changes in the law. Updates will be issued to all partners when necessary.
9	All Partner organisation to ensure that the documents and agreements are shared with relevant individuals and that appropriate handover is done if senior officers leave the organisation; the NCIs will inform the HR, DSA, DPO and Communications networks.
10	NCIs to clarify the use of consent for data processing in Safeguarding Policy and Practice guidance; advice to be provided by data protection leads/DPO's in Partner Organisations

Final Project Risk Rating (Tick relevant box)

Note: In the event of one or more the residual risks being identified as high, then this will automatically rate the whole project as a high risk.

Risk level	Action	Tick here
Low Risk (2-6)	Project can proceed	
Medium Risk (8)	Minor actions are required before proceeding	х
High Risk (12 -16)	Significant actions required may need to be submitted to the ICO for evaluation	

Review - Sign Off

Position	Name	Date	
Information Sharing Project	Nathalie Ballard	08/02/2022	
Senior Responsible Officer			
Safeguarding Casework Team	Ian Bowles	21/01/2022	
Manager			
NCIs Data Protection Officer	Madi McAllister	19/01/22	

Authorisation Levels

The DPIA must be signed off in Section 4 by the following roles according to the assigned risk level:

High Risk	Senior Information Risk Owner (SIRO) or in cases where Risks cannot be
	mitigated submitted to ICO for review or the project is terminated.
Low and Medium risk	Information Asset Owner(s) or Project Manager

DPIA – Approval and Final Sign Off

Position	Name	Signature	Date
Interim Director of Safeguarding (Lead Signatory)	Zena Marshall	Ymakeu.	09/02/22