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## Data Privacy Statement for Foodbank Clients

### **Personal data**

When you come to a foodbank for help, the foodbank will keep some data about you. This is “personal data”, because it is about you as a particular person and it can be linked to you.

### **What personal data do we hold?**

The foodbank will keep the data that is on your foodbank voucher(s). That means we will keep your name, address, and year of birth; the number of other adults and children in your household; and the reason you needed to come to the foodbank. We will also keep a record of who gave you the foodbank voucher.

If we can give you extra help, there may be extra things we need to ask you about, and of which we will keep a record. There may also be some notes on our data system about your visit. This is the only data the foodbank will hold about you. We do not get data about you in any other way.

### **How is your personal data kept safe?**

Your data is kept in a secure database. This can be accessed only with a login and password. We require all users of the system to sign a “data protection statement”. This means they know they must keep your data safe, and only use it for the right purposes. All our other volunteers also have to sign a confidentiality agreement. We are as careful as possible to make sure no one else can log into the data system. For example, when a volunteer leaves the foodbank, we stop their access to the data system.

If you come to the foodbank with a printed voucher, your voucher will be kept securely. Vouchers are never left where someone who does not need to see them can do so.

### **What is your data used for?**

We use your data for three things:

1. We need to be able to check how many times you have been to a foodbank.
2. We need to keep some of your data so that we can calculate the numbers of people coming to foodbanks, and their reasons for coming. This is so that we can help other people understand how much foodbanks are needed and why people have to come to foodbanks for help.
3. If we can give you extra help, such as with benefits, there may be extra questions we need to ask you. This will be because we need particular information in order to know how to help you.

### **Does the foodbank have a right to your data?**

Under Data Protection legislation, the foodbank needs to have a “lawful basis” for keeping your data, and for using it. There are several types of “lawful basis”. One of them is called “legitimate interests”.

- (i) The foodbank has a “legitimate interest” in keeping the data from your foodbank voucher. This is so that we can carry out the two main purposes described above – checking how many times clients visit the foodbank, and reporting on the need for foodbanks.

- (ii) in sharing data with other organisations in Wirral who issue food vouchers. This is to prevent abuse of the food voucher system taking place.

There is another type of “lawful basis” called “performance of a contract”. If we are to give you extra help, we may need particular information from you. We may need to ask you additional questions and record the answers. The lawful basis for this will be “performance of a contract”.

### **Who can see your data?**

Your data can be seen by people from this foodbank who have been given a login and password for the data system. If you go to two foodbanks, people from both foodbanks will be able to see the data from all your foodbank visits – not just for the visits to their own foodbank.

Some agencies can refer you to a foodbank using an on-line system called “e-referral”. If an agency has done this for you, then the agency will also be able to see the data for your visit.

E-referral agencies and other foodbanks can also see the dates when someone with your name and postcode has been to a foodbank. They can't see any more data, like your address or why you needed foodbank help. We will never give or sell your data to any other bodies.

### **How long will your data be kept?**

Your vouchers and personal data are kept for six years. This is so we can if necessary prove we have acted properly as a charity, and used people's donations in the right way. Charity law means we may need to be able to prove this.

After six years, paper foodbank vouchers are destroyed, and your name and address are automatically removed from the data system.

### **Who can you speak to if you have questions?**

If you have questions about your data, and what we do with it, you should contact **Richard Roberts, Manager Wirral Foodbank (0151 638 7090) – email [manager@wirralfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:manager@wirralfoodbank.org.uk)**

### **What rights do you have?**

You have a number of rights under Data Protection legislation:

#### 1. Right to know what data we hold

You have a right to know what personal data we hold about you.

This Data Privacy Statement describes the data that we will hold. But you can ask whether we have any other data about you which is not covered by this Data Privacy Statement.

#### 2. Right to have a copy of the data we hold

You can ask for a copy of the data we hold about you. This is called a “subject access request”.

If you make a “subject access request”, we will give you a copy of all the data we hold about you. We will do this within one month. If it helps, we will give you the data in a computer file.

#### 3. Right to object

You can object if you think we are using your data in the wrong way.

You can also object if you think we don't have “lawful grounds” for using your data.

We will give you a statement explaining why we use your data and explaining the “lawful grounds”.

If you are still not happy, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office.  
If we find we are using your data in the wrong way, we will immediately stop doing so and prevent the misuse from happening again.

4. Right to have your data corrected

If you think there is a mistake in your data, please tell us. You have a right to have it corrected.  
We may need to check what is the correct data, but will put right any mistakes as soon as possible.

5. Right to be forgotten

We promise to remove your data after six years. You have a right for this to happen, because we don't need to keep your data any longer than six years. Finally, if anything happens to your data that could put you at risk, we will do our best to tell you.

**Agreed by Trustees: 2 May 2018**