



Comhairle Contae Chill Dara

Kildare County Council

Data Protection Act 2018 (as amended)

PRIVACY STATEMENT

For The Processing of HAP Applications

Who are we?

Kildare County Council (the Council) is the democratically elected unit of Local Government in County Kildare and is responsible for providing a range of services to meet the economic, social and cultural needs of the people of our County. In order to provide the most effective and targeted services to meet the needs of the citizens, communities and businesses of County Kildare we will be required to collect, process and use certain types of information about people and organisations. Depending on the service being offered, information sought may include 'personal data' as defined by the Data Protection Acts and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and may relate to current, past and future service users; past, current and prospective employees; suppliers; and members of the public who may engage in communications with our staff. In addition, staff may be required, from time to time, to collect process and use certain types of personal data to comply with regulatory or legislative requirements or to carry out functions in the public interest.

Why do we have a Privacy Statement?

This privacy statement has been created to demonstrate the Council's commitment that personal data you may be required to supply to us is;

- Obtained lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner
- Obtained for only specified, identified and legitimate purposes
- Processed for purposes which we have identified or purposes compatible with the purposes that we have identified.
- Adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary for purpose for which it was obtained
- Personal data collected and processed must be accurate and (where necessary) kept up to-date.
- Kept only for as long as is necessary for the purposes for which it was obtained.
- Processed in a manner that ensures the appropriate security of the personal data including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing.

More detail is available in our Data Protection Policy Statement at <http://kildare.ie/CountyCouncil/DataProtection/> or you can request a hard copy at 045 980 200.



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What is the activity referred to in this Privacy Statement?

Processing of HAP applications to enable the payment of monthly landlord rents and collection of weekly differential rents from tenants.

What is the basis for making the processing of this personal data lawful?

Processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in Kildare County Council in accordance with Article 6(1)(e) of the General Data Protection Regulation, 2016. Specifically the lawful basis for this process is the Housing Act (1966 - 2009).

We require contact details

In order to communicate with you, you will be asked for contact details. You do not have to provide all contact details but providing more, such as email, phone, address, makes it easier to communicate. Please note that to help protect your privacy, we take steps to verify your identity before granting access to personal data. These contact details may also be used to verify your identity.

What other types of personal data do we need to undertake this activity?

To process a HAP application we will require the following:

Tenants; Name, address PPSN, date of birth, contact number, email address and proof of income details for each person listed on the application.

Landlords/Agents; Name, address, PPSN, Tax number, contact number, email address, Tax Clearance, IBIC and IBAN details and proof of ownership of the property.

What will happen if the personal data is not provided?

Kildare County Council Housing Department will not be able to process a HAP application if the required information is not provided, and therefore be unable to assist with the payment of rent.

Am I the only source of this personal data?

In some instances to assist with the delivery of the activity or to comply with regulatory or legislative requirements personal data is sourced from a third party.

This applies to this area of activity as Kildare County Council Housing Department have an agreement with the Department of Social Protection to access information for specific information relating to social welfare benefits to verify an applicant's income.



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Is personal data submitted as part of this activity shared with other organisations?

The Council may, to fulfil statutory or regulatory obligations or in the public interest, from time to time, have to share personal data with other organisations or entities (in Ireland or abroad). Where this is required the Council shall have regard to your rights, to the security and integrity of the data and will minimise the data shared.

Data is transferred to:

- HAP Shared Services Centre Limerick, for payment processing and collections.
- Environmental Health Services, HSE to conduct property inspections on minimum rental standards as per Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019.

on behalf of the Council.

How long is my data kept for?

The Local Authority sector operates under a detailed record retention policy which outlines time periods for which your personal data will be retained and what will happen to it after the required retention period has expired. The National Record Retention Policy for Local Authority Records is available:

<http://kildare.ie/CountyCouncil/DataProtection/>

When your HAP application is submitted, together with supporting documentation is scanned to our iDOCS system. From the 1st January 2024, the applications and documentation submitted will be **confidentially shredded, provided no original documentation has been submitted**. However, our iDocs and iHouse system must maintain an electronic application history so that we can more effectively engage with you at a later date and all information supplied as part of your application will be retained until such time as a housing allocation is made

Do you need to update your records?

Kildare County Council must take reasonable steps to ensure that personal data we have about our customers is correct and up to date.

In addition, if the data held by us is found to be inaccurate you have the right to rectify/correct this.

If you find that personal data we have about you is inaccurate or needs to be updated (for instance, you may have changed your name, address, contact details etc.) then please contact us so that we can correct it. You can do this by:

Writing to us at: Kildare County Council, Corporate Services, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co Kildare. W91 X77F



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Emailing us at customercare@kildarecoco.ie

When making a request to update your records please provide evidence to support this - for example a copy of a document containing your new address – utility (Gas, Electricity, Phone) bill etc. and proof of your identity

Your rights:

You have the right to obtain confirmation as to whether data concerning you exists, to request access to personal data held about you, to be informed of the content and source of data and check its accuracy. If the data held by us is found to be inaccurate you have the right to rectify/correct this – see above on how to update your records.

You also, subject to certain conditions being met, have the right to object to or seek restriction of the processing of personal data and to request the erasure of personal data held by the Council.

Please note that to help protect your privacy, we take steps to verify your identity before granting access to personal data.

To exercise these rights logon to <http://kildare.ie/CountyCouncil/DataProtection/>, use one of the forms at our Counters or contact us. Completed applications should be returned to:

Kildare County Council - Access to Information Officer

Phone	045 980 200
E-mail	dataprotection@kildarecoco.ie or customercare@kildarecoco.ie
Postal Address	Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co Kildare. W91 X77F.

Right of Complaint to the Data Protection Commissioner

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the response received by the Council you are entitled to make a complaint to the Data Protection Commissioner who may investigate the matter for you. The Data Protection Commissioner's website is www.dataprotection.ie or you can contact their Office at:

Lo Call Number	1890 252 231
E-mail	info@dataprotection.ie



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Postal Address

Data Protection Commissioner
Canal House
Station Road
Portarlington, Co. Laois. R32 AP23.

Changes to Privacy Statement:

We may make changes to this Statement. If we make changes they will be posted below.

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