

**CLYC Policy Statement
on the secure handling, use, storage,
retention and disposal of AccessNI
Disclosures and Disclosure information**



General Principles

As an organisation using AccessNI to help assess the suitability of applicants for positions of trust, CLYC complies fully with AccessNI's Code of Practice regarding the correct handling, use, storage, retention and disposal of Disclosure Applications and Disclosure information. We also comply fully with our obligations under the Data Protection Act 2018 and other relevant legislative requirements with regards to the safe handling, use, storage, retention, and disposal of Disclosure Information and have a written Data Privacy Policy on these matters, which is available to those who wish to see it on request.

Consent

Written consent will be obtained from the applicant when requesting and/or retaining a (copy of a) Disclosure certificate.

Storage and Access

Disclosure information is kept securely, in lockable, non-portable, storage containers or on a password-protected computer system, with access strictly controlled and limited to those who are entitled to see it as part of their duties.

Handling

In accordance with section 124 of the Police Act 1997, Disclosure information is only passed to those who are authorised to receive it in the course of their duties. We maintain a record of all those to whom Disclosures or Disclosure information have been revealed and it is a criminal offence to pass this information to anyone who is not entitled to receive it.

Usage

Disclosure information is only used for the specific purpose for which it was requested and for which the applicant's full consent has been given.

Retention

Once a recruitment (or other relevant) decision has been taken, we do not keep Disclosure information for any longer than is necessary. We comply with AccessNI's Code of Practice requirement to ensure that it is not retained longer than is required for the specific purpose of taking a decision on the applicant's suitability. Disclosure certificates will be returned to

the applicant once a decision, recruitment or otherwise, has been made and will be retained no longer than the agreed period.

Disposal

Once the retention period has elapsed, we will ensure that any Disclosure information is immediately destroyed by secure means, for example by shredding, pulping or burning, or by securely deleting from the computer system. While awaiting destruction, Disclosure information will not be kept in any unsecured receptacle (eg. waste bin or confidential waste sack).

We will not keep any photocopy or other image of the Disclosure or any copy or representation of the contents of a Disclosure or any other relevant non-conviction information supplied by police. However, notwithstanding the above, we may keep a record of the date of issue of a Disclosure, the name of the subject, the type of Disclosure requested, the position for which the Disclosure was requested, the unique reference number of the Disclosure Certificate and the details of the recruitment decision taken.

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