

Data Sharing Statement for Students

Sharing Information about your Wellbeing with Your University or College

This statement has been written so that you understand what will happen if we are seriously concerned about your health and that in these circumstances we may share personal information about you with your University/College. The health of our tenants is our top priority, and this brief document sets out how we balance taking care of your welfare with the need to protect your personal information.

Introduction

Data protection law provides you with a number of rights in how your data is handled and places serious obligations on how we process this information. Under the law, information about your health is seen as particularly sensitive and additional obligations are placed on us in respect of processing or sharing this information. We have a legal duty not to share this data with anybody else, except in certain defined circumstances. To find more information about data protection you can visit the website of the Information Commissioner <https://ico.org.uk/>

That being the case, as your landlord we care about your wellbeing and if we have serious concerns that your health may be in serious danger, we think it is important that we tell your university/college. Your university/college has a range of support services for students, so we may share any serious concerns we have so that they can help you. As a landlord, we also need to protect the health and wellbeing of other tenants and staff that you may come into contact with, and helping you to get appropriate support is often the best way to do this.

We Will Seek Your Consent to Share Your Personal Data

There are a number of grounds under data protection law that would enable us to share your personal information, and one of these is if you give your informed consent. This document explains why we want to share sensitive information about your health and we ask separately for your consent to share this information under certain serious circumstances.

Circumstances When We May Share Your Data Even When Consent Has Not Been Provided

Where we believe there is a serious threat to your health, we may inform your university/college. Before we do this, we will try to get your consent for this sharing.

However, sometimes we may not be able to get your consent, for example:

- In a serious emergency where time does not allow
- If you are unconscious
- If your mental state means that you are not willing to consent even though your health is in serious danger

Where we have serious concerns that your life may be at risk, but have not been able to get your consent, we will contact your university/college to discuss these concerns. We do this because we think it's important to help you get appropriate support as early as possible, and also that in these circumstances this overrides data protection concerns.

Your Personal Data That Will Be Shared

The data to be shared will be in the following scenarios: Scenario	Resident data to be shared
Responding to a serious welfare issue or medical emergency	Name, institution, course, date of birth, student ID (if known), contact details, situation (welfare or emergency), provider action, any applicable correspondence or minutes taken from meetings.

Conclusion

The health of our tenants is our top priority and it's important that we take timely action to help you access the right support if there is a threat to your life, and in certain circumstances this may mean involving your university/college.

This document has set out how we balance your right to data protection against our wish to support your wellbeing, and the wellbeing of the staff and tenants you may come into contact with.