

Legitimate Interest Statement – Northern Ireland Social Care Council

Under the new data protection law that takes effect in May 2018 (GDPR), NISCC have a number of lawful reasons that we can use to process the personal information of our **existing Registrants**. These are detailed in the ‘NISCC Privacy Notice’.

One of the lawful reasons is called ‘legitimate interests’.

Broadly speaking Legitimate Interests means that we can process the personal information of our **existing Registrants** if we have a genuine and legitimate reason and we are not harming any of their rights and interests.

The ‘NISCC Privacy Notice’ states:

In keeping with our need to achieve the lawful business objectives of our organisation, NISCC will periodically process the data of existing registrants to communicate information related to NISCC operational objectives and activities, as-well-as important Social Care sector information.

Information processed for the above purposes is therefore lawful under Article 6(1)(f) of GDPR:

- *6(1)(f) – Processing is necessary under the Legitimate Interests of the Controller*

What does this mean?

We use the personal information of **existing Registrants** for our legitimate business interests. Before doing this however, we will carefully consider and balance any potential impact on existing Registrants and their rights.

We will process their personal information to conduct and manage our business to enable us to give them the most appropriate information and service, and provide them with the best experience of working with us.

The type of information NISCC will be communicating to **existing Registrants** under this lawful basis may include the periodic sharing of:

- Our Corporate Plan, Annual Reports, Business Plan, and other organisational information regarding NISCC operations
- Information regarding our council and staff activities
- Social Care sector reports and research conducted/published by NISCC and select third-party sector partners
- Social Care sector surveys, consultations and events organised by NISCC and select third-party sector partners
- Articles written by NISCC or third-party social care sector partners discussing issues and best practice within the sector

When we process the personal information of **existing Registrant** for our legitimate interests, we will consider and balance any potential impact on them and their rights under GDPR, data protection, and any other relevant law. Our legitimate business interests do not automatically override their interests – we will not use their personal data for activities where our interests are overridden by the impact on **existing Registrants** (unless we have your consent or are otherwise required or permitted to by law).

In addition, **existing Registrants** can change the way they hear from us or withdraw their permission for us to process their personal details under the legitimate interest basis at any time.

To do this, simply click on the "unsubscribe" link located on the bottom of all our e-mails or by sending us email us at comms@nisc.hscni.net.

Please note that existing Registrants cannot opt-out of receiving transactional emails related to their NISCC registration account.