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**Mevagh Family Resource Centre**  
**Personal Data Breach Policy & Procedures**

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| <b>Document:</b>                      | <b>Personal Data Breach Policy &amp; Procedures</b>  |
| <b>What is this?</b>                  | This is Mevagh Family Resource Centre's (Mevagh FRC) current Personal Data Breach Policy & Procedures  |
| <b>CRA Code Sections:</b>             | 3.4, 3.7   |
| <b>Use of Document:</b>               | Directors of Mevagh FRC - CRA Compliance   |
| <b>Date Evaluation Form Approved:</b> | This Policy was approved by the Voluntary Board of Directors of Mevagh FRC at its meeting on 09.12.24. |
| <b>Review Date:</b>                   | This Policy will be reviewed every 3 years by the Voluntary Board of Directors of Mevagh FRC           |

## **Introduction**

Mevagh FRC collect personal data relating to employee's, board members, training participants, community members, volunteers, third party contractors, suppliers of goods and services which can include: name, home address, home telephone number, private email address, job title, date of birth, passport data, PPS number, bank details, emergency contact, staff number etc.

Mevagh FRC also collects special category data relating to staff /board members which can include ethnic origin, health records and trade union membership.

Mevagh FRC process personal data for the following purposes:

- To carry out research and statistical analysis.
- To register an interest in and communicate about our services, training and volunteering opportunities.
- To respond to queries and/or information requests.
- To process job or volunteer applications.
- To process staff payroll.
- To respond to Subject Access Request(s).
- To respond to feedback or complaint(s).
- To comply with governance and statutory obligations.
- To select, contract and reimburse suppliers of goods and services.
- To update health and safety contact details of next of kin for staff members.

## **GDPR Obligations on Data Controllers & Data Processors**

Mevagh FRC is the Data Controller of most of the data which we process while managing the above activities. In a few instances we outsource data processing to third parties e.g., staff payroll, web hosting, financial management, HR services – these third parties are data processors, but Mevagh FRC remains the Data Controller with primary responsibility for the data.

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018 requires organisations, both data controllers and processors, to have appropriate mechanisms in place to guarantee that all personal data is adequately protected. More specifically, Article 32 of the GDPR requires organisations to implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure a level of security appropriate to the risk. They must also ensure that any employees do not access or process any data unless they are required to do so.

## **The Obligation to Report Data Breaches**

Under the GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018, Mevagh FRC, as a data controller must notify the Data Protection Commission (DPC) of a personal data breach without delay where that breach is likely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of the data subject. Notification should be made at the latest, within 72 hours of the controller becoming aware of the breach. Data processors must notify the respective controllers if the processor becomes aware of a breach. The controller should then notify the data subject without delay.

A controller must also notify a data subject without delay in clear and plain language if the data breach is likely to result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of the data subject. An example of a high-risk situation would be where a person's bank or passport details are stolen.

### **What is a personal data breach?**

A personal data breach means a breach of security leading to the accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of, or access to, personal data. The term 'personal data' means any information concerning or relating to an identified or identifiable individual. Personal data breaches include incidents that are the result of both accidents (such as sending an email to the wrong recipient) as well as deliberate acts (such as phishing attacks to gain access to customer data). A personal data breach occurs in incidents where personal data are lost, destroyed, corrupted, or illegitimately disclosed. This includes situations such as where someone accesses personal data or passes them on without proper authorisation, or where personal data are rendered unavailable through encryption by ransomware, or accidental loss or destruction.

### **What should a notification to the DPC contain?**

A notification of a personal data breach by a controller to the DPC (which can be done through the breach notification form on the DPC's website) must at least:

- Describe the nature of the personal data breach, including, where possible, the categories and approximate number of data subjects concerned, and the categories and approximate number of personal data records concerned.
- Communicate the name and contact details of the main contact point where more information can be obtained.
- Describe the likely consequences of the personal data breach.
- Describe the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the controller to address the personal data breach, including, where appropriate, measures to mitigate its possible adverse effects.

## Data Breach Incident – External Notification Form

The purpose of this Form is to report a Breach Incident involving Personal Data, as required under GDPR 2018.

Mevagh FRC is committed to protecting the confidentiality and integrity of the personal information under its control and will ensure that such incidents are appropriately investigated and reported, and that the risk of a recurrence is minimised.

### Contact Information

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| <b>Data Controller/Organisation:</b>             | Mevagh FRC   |
| <b>Data Protection Officer (where relevant):</b> | Project Manager  |
| <b>Contact details:</b>                          | Áras Ros Goill<br>Downings<br>Co. Donegal<br>Tel: 0749155055<br>Email: coordinator@mevaghfrc.com |

### High Level Description of Incident

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| <b>Brief Description of Incident:</b>                               |              |              |
| <b>Date of Incident:</b>  |              |              |
| <b>Location of Incident (if known):</b>                             |              |              |
| <b>Date and time when Controller was made aware (if different):</b> | <b>Date:</b> | <b>Time:</b> |

### Personal Data Impacted by Incident

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| <b>Description of Personal Data / Sensitive Personal Data impacted:</b> |  |
| <b>Categories of Data Subjects impacted:</b>                            |  |
| <b>Volume of records involved:</b>                                      |  |
| <b>Number of Data Subjects impacted:</b>                                |  |

**Detailed Description of the Incident**

(Description of the sequence of events leading up to the breach incident - please include associated e-mail correspondence)

**Actions taken (to date) to address the Incident**

(Description of the measures which have been taken since becoming aware of the Incident)

**Current Status (At time of reporting)**

(What is the current status of the Personal Data impacted by the breach incident?)

**Actions being taken to minimise impact on Data Subjects**

| Action | Description | Owner | Status (planned, under way, complete) |
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**Actions being taken to prevent a recurrence of the incident**

| Action | Description | Owner | Status (planned, under way, complete) |
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**Review**

This policy will be reviewed every three years or sooner, if required.

Signed: Liz Byrne (Chairperson)

Date: 09 / 12 / 24

Signed: M. Kelly (Director)

Date: 09 / 12 / 24

**Revision History**

| Revision No. | Approval Date | Document Reference & Changes Made | Name |
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