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Advanced Assessments Ltd - Privacy Notice

This Privacy Notice sets out how we protect your 'data' (personal details and records) we do this to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation or GDPR (Europe) and The Data Protection Act 2018 (UK). This notice forms part of your contract with Advanced Assessments Ltd. A summary of how GDPR is being implemented, why confidential information is held and how this is protected can be found by visiting: <https://ico.org.uk>

It is assumed that by engaging in this assessment or service, you are consenting to records being kept. For the avoidance of doubt, we (or those who instruct us) might ask you to sign a consent form. If we believe you lack capacity or if you are a child we might seek consent from an appropriate adult.

- Keeping records is an essential component of healthcare, which helps in understanding how best to help and forms the basis of any reports needed. We usually keep your records for any of the following reasons:
 - Preventative or Occupational Medicine.
 - Legal defence necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims whenever courts are acting in their judicial capacity.
 - Where the data subject has given explicit consent.
 - Research.
 - Where it is necessary to protect the vital interest of the data subject or some other person where the data subject is physically or legally incapable of giving consent.
 - Employment relationship.
 - Where a data subject has already put information in the public domain.
- Confidentiality is maintained at all times (i.e. your information is not shared) unless there are *exceptional* circumstances such as risk to yourself or others. If believe you or a child is at risk other services such as your GP or police may be contacted without your consent, as this is a professional obligation. Please see The British Psychological Society, Generic Professional Practice Guidelines www.bps.org.uk
- We operate a system of peer review and supervisor review, where we believe that it would be helpful for a peer or supervisor to review the content of a report or therapeutic session we will obtain your consent.
- Consultation notes and questionnaires will be held for varying lengths of time depending on the content (and then carefully disposed of). For example:
 - Some records might be held indefinitely if there were any issues of concern that could lead to a police investigation in the future.
 - Where there is a legal obligation to hold those records to report our transactions to HMRC, we will hold those records for seven years.
 - Mental health records are subject to special legislation, e.g. children's records are kept until age 26 and adult records for eight years after the last contact with the service www.gov.uk/government/publications/records-management-code-of-practice-for-health-and-social-care
- All information recorded on paper will be securely stored in a locked filing cabinet, and if this has to be transported outside of the office, great care will be taken in other premises and likewise locked in a filing cabinet



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- Confidential digital information will be stored in a secure cloud service offering high levels of security.
- Confidential information sent via the internet will be encrypted and password protected, the password may be sent separately by text message.
- Letters sent by surface mail, e.g. to GP's will be marked Confidential.
- All electronic devices (e.g. computers, laptops and phones) and used to access stored information will themselves be password protected. Disc's drives will be encrypted.
- The right of access called a 'subject access request' or SAR can be made for the data we hold.
- We may charge a 'reasonable fee' for the administrative costs of complying with a SAR request if it is manifestly unfounded or excessive, or if you request further copies of your data.
- Records will be provided within one calendar month of the request being made.
- Where we carry out psychological tests and assessments, we work within the British Psychological Society's Statement on the Conduct of the Psychologists providing Psychometric Expert Evidence to Courts and Lawyers. Under these guidelines, it is not possible to disclose some of our records to you. We cannot disclose certain test information under these guidelines or where disclosure would amount to a breach of a trade secret.
- We may automatically delete all the data that we hold on you within seven days of the assessment report being produced or sooner if we do not produce a report.
- Where a request is made by a *bona fide* data subject (the data subject might be an organisation or individual), we will require proof of identity in the form of:
 - a current passport,
 - a driving licence; or
 - a birth certificate.

And Also, one of these:

- a recent bank statement dated within the last three months (with full address); or
- a recent utility statement dated within the last three months (with full address).
- We might ask records to be collected in person from our office and for the data subject to bring the original identification documents with them. If records are sent by post, they can only be sent to the registered address which is proved by the identity documents.
- We strongly recommend you send your subject access request writing by Royal Mail Signed For, Special Delivery or other international form or registered post for security and validation reasons.
- Children can request their own records, and parents of children under 18 can make requests on their children's behalf.
- In the event of death or incapacity of any medical professional in Advanced Assessments, arrangements have been made for records to be held by a named professional colleague who will continue with the above obligations.
- We do not process your information outside of the EEA.



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- Where you are under a statutory or contractual obligation to provide your data, this will be set out in the letter of instruction from the lawyers involved in your case, the court or by your employer.
- We do not use automated decision making in processing your data.
- You have the right to withdraw consent and ask us to delete the data that we hold on you. If you have not provided consent, we will not retain your data unless we were lawfully obliged to.
- This Privacy Notice will be subject to review, as needed or annually by 25 May each year.
- Advanced Assessments Ltd is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), and you have the right to complain about how we process your data with the ICO.

Enquiries can be made by contacting the Data Controller in writing:

Data Protection
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