

Introduction

Welcome to The Practice Group's privacy notice.

The Practice Group respects your privacy, is committed to and operates the highest standards when it comes to protecting your personal data. This privacy notice tells you as to how we look after your personal data when you visit our website (regardless of where you visit it from), your privacy rights and how the law protects you.

You can click through to the specific areas set out below or you can download a pdf version of the policy [here](#). Please also use the Glossary to understand the meaning of some of the terms used in this privacy notice.

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1. Important information and who we are

Purpose of this privacy notice

This privacy notice gives you information as to how The Practice Group collects and processes your personal data through your use of our website.

This website is not intended for anyone under the age of 16 (children) and we do not knowingly collect data relating to children.

It is important that you read this privacy notice together with any other privacy notice or fair processing notice we may provide on specific occasions when we are collecting or processing personal data about you so that you are fully aware of how and why we are using your data. This privacy notice supplements the other notices and is not intended to override them.

Controller

The Practice Group is the trading name of several group and affiliated companies (The Practice (Group) Limited, The Practice Services Limited, The Practice Properties Limited, The Practice Corporate Management Limited, The Practice Surgeries Limited, The Practice U Surgeries Limited,

Chilvers & McCrea Limited, Phoenix Primary Care Limited and Phoenix Primary Care (South) Limited). For the purposes of the EU General Data Protection Regulation each of these entities except for The Practice Properties Limited is a data controller and responsible for your personal data (collectively referred to as "The Practice Group", "we", "us" or "our" in this privacy notice).

The Practice (Group) Limited is the controller and responsible for this website.

The Practice Group has appointed a data protection officer (DPO) who is responsible for overseeing questions in relation to this privacy notice. If you have any questions about this privacy notice, including any requests to exercise your legal rights, please contact the DPO.

Contact details

Our full details are:

Full name of legal entity: The Practice Group

Name or title of DPO: Tim de Winter

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Postal address: Rose House, Bell Lane Office Village, Bell Lane, Little Chalfont, Amersham, Buckinghamshire HP6 6FA

Telephone number: 01494 690 999

You have the right to make a complaint at any time to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), the UK supervisory authority for data protection issues (www.ico.org.uk). We would, however, appreciate the chance to deal with your concerns before you approach the ICO so please contact us in the first instance.

Changes to the privacy notice and your duty to inform us of changes

This version was last updated on 24 May 2018 and historic versions are archived [here](#).

It is important that the personal data we hold about you is accurate and current. Please keep us informed if your personal data changes during your relationship with us.

Third-party links

This website may include links to third-party websites, plug-ins and applications. Clicking on those links or enabling those connections may allow third parties to collect or share data about you. We do not control these third-party websites and are not responsible for their privacy statements. When you leave our website, we encourage you to read the privacy notice of every website you visit.

2. The data we collect about you

Personal data, or personal information, means any information about an individual from which that person can be identified. It does not include data where the identity has been removed (anonymous data).

We may collect, use, store and transfer different kinds of personal data about you which we have grouped together follows:

Information you give us. You may give us information about you by corresponding with us by phone, writing, e-mail or otherwise and when you report a problem with our site. The information you give us may include your name, address, e-mail address and phone number.

Information we collect about you. With regard to each of your visits to our site we may automatically collect the following information: technical information, including the Internet protocol (IP) address used to connect your computer to the Internet, your login information, browser type and version, time zone setting, browser plug-in types and versions, operating system and platform,

Information about your visit to our website. This includes the full Uniform Resource Locators (URL) clickstream to, through and from our site (including date and time); products you viewed or searched for; page response times, download errors, length of visits to certain pages, page interaction information (such as scrolling, clicks, and mouse-overs), and methods used to browse away from the page and any phone number used to call our customer service number.

Information we receive from other sources. We may receive information about you if you use any of the other websites we operate or the other services we provide. In this case we will have informed you when we collected that data that it may be shared internally and combined with data collected on this site.

The information we collect about you and the information about your visit to our website is similar to what everyone else does but we do not use your browsing activities to recommend our or anyone else's products and services or pass that information on to other parties. We do not profile people based on their browsing activities.

We also collect, use and share **Aggregated Data** such as statistical or demographic data for any purpose. Aggregated Data may be derived from your personal data but is not considered personal data in law as this data does **not** directly or indirectly reveal your identity. For example, we may aggregate your Usage Data to calculate the percentage of users accessing a specific website feature. However, if we combine or connect Aggregated Data with your personal data so that it can directly or indirectly identify you, we treat the combined data as personal data which will be used in accordance with this privacy notice.

We do not collect any **Special Categories of Personal Data** about you (this includes details about your race or ethnicity, religious or philosophical beliefs, sex life, sexual orientation, political opinions, trade union membership, information about your health and genetic and biometric data). Nor do we collect any information about criminal convictions and offences.

If you decide not to provide personal data

Where we need to collect personal data by law, or under the terms of a contract we have with you and you decide not to provide that data when requested, we may not be able to perform the contract we have or are trying to enter into with you. In this case, we may have to cancel a service you wish to obtain from us but we will notify you if this is the case at the time.

3. How is your personal data collected?

We use different methods to collect data from and about you including through:

- **Direct interactions.** You may give us your identity and contact data by filling in forms or by corresponding with us by post, phone, email or otherwise. This includes personal data you provide when you:
 - apply for our services;

- create an account on our website;
 - subscribe to our service or publications;
 - request information to be sent to you;
 - enter a competition, promotion or survey; or
 - give us some feedback.
- **Automated technologies or interactions.** As you interact with our website, we may automatically collect technical data about your equipment, browsing actions and patterns. We collect this personal data by using cookies, server logs and other similar technologies. We may also receive technical data about you if you visit other websites employing our cookies. Please see our [cookie policy](#) for further details.

4. How we use your personal data

We will only use your personal data when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we will use your personal data in the following circumstances:

- Where we need to perform the contract we are about to enter into or have entered into with you.
- Where it is necessary for our legitimate interests (or those of a third party) and your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests.
- Where we need to comply with a legal or regulatory obligation.
- Where processing is necessary for the purposes of preventative or occupational medicine, for assessing the working capacity of employees, medical diagnoses, the provision of health or social care or treatment or management of health or social care systems and services.

Generally we do not rely on consent as a legal basis for processing your personal data for the delivery of our healthcare services.

Purposes for which we will use your personal data

We have set out below, in a table format, a description of all the ways we plan to use your personal data, and which of the legal bases we rely on to do so. We have also identified what our legitimate interests are where appropriate.

Note that we may process your personal data for more than one lawful ground depending on the specific purpose for which we are using your data. Please [contact us](#) if you need details about the specific legal ground we are relying on to process your personal data where more than one ground has been set out in the table below.

Purpose/Activity	Type of data	Lawful basis for processing including basis of legitimate interest
To register you as a new customer	(a) Identity (b) Contact	Performance of a contract with you
To process and deliver services: (a) Manage payments, fees and charges (b) Collect and recover money owed to us	(a) Identity (b) Contact (c) Financial (d) Transaction	(a) Performance of a contract with you (b) Necessary for our legitimate interests (to recover debts due to us)

<p>To manage our relationship with you which will include:</p> <p>(a) Notifying you about changes to our terms or privacy policy</p> <p>(b) Asking you to leave a review or take a survey</p>	<p>(a) Identity</p> <p>(b) Contact</p> <p>(c) Profile</p> <p>(d) Patient Engagement</p>	<p>(a) Performance of a contract with you</p> <p>(b) Necessary to comply with a legal obligation</p> <p>(c) Necessary for our legitimate interests (to keep our records updated and to study how customers use our products/services)</p>
<p>To enable you to partake in a prize draw, competition or complete a survey</p>	<p>(a) Identity</p> <p>(b) Contact</p> <p>(c) Profile</p> <p>(d) Usage</p> <p>(e) Patient Engagement</p>	<p>(a) Performance of a contract with you</p> <p>(b) Necessary for our legitimate interests (to study how customers use our products/services and to develop them)</p>
<p>To administer and protect our business and this website (including troubleshooting, data analysis, testing, system maintenance, support, reporting and hosting of data)</p>	<p>(a) Identity</p> <p>(b) Contact</p> <p>(c) Technical</p>	<p>(a) Necessary for our legitimate interests (for running our business, provision of administration and IT services, network security, to prevent fraud and in the context of a business reorganisation or group restructuring exercise)</p> <p>(b) Necessary to comply with a legal obligation</p>
<p>To deliver relevant website content to you and measure or understand the effectiveness of our website's content</p>	<p>(a) Identity</p> <p>(b) Contact</p> <p>(c) Profile</p> <p>(d) Usage</p> <p>(e) Patient Engagement</p> <p>(f) Technical</p>	<p>Necessary for our legitimate interests (to study how customers use our products/services and to develop them)</p>
<p>To use data analytics to improve our website, products/services, customer relationships and patient experiences</p>	<p>(a) Technical</p> <p>(b) Usage</p>	<p>Necessary for our legitimate interests (to define types of customers for our products and services, to keep our website updated and relevant)</p>

Opting out

You can ask us to stop sending you information at any by contacting us at any time.

Where you opt out of receiving correspondence from us, this will not apply to personal data provided to us as a result of the provision of healthcare services.

Cookies

You can set your browser to refuse all or some browser cookies, or to alert you when websites set or access cookies. If you disable or refuse cookies, please note that some parts of this website may become inaccessible or not function properly. For more information about the cookies we use, please see <http://www.thepracticegroup.co.uk/cookie-policy/>

Change of purpose

We will only use your personal data for the purposes for which we collected it. If the purposes for which we collected it change we will update this privacy notice. If the purposes for which we collected it require us to obtain your consent, we will ask you for your consent.

If we need to use your personal data for an unrelated purpose, we will notify you and we will explain the legal basis which allows us to do so.

Please note that we may process your personal data without your knowledge or consent, in compliance with the above rules, where this is required by law.

5. Disclosures of your personal data

We may have to share your personal data with the parties set out below for the purposes set out in the table in paragraph 4 above.

- Internal Third Parties as set out in the [*Glossary*].
- External Third Parties as set out in the [*Glossary*].
- Third parties to whom we may choose to transfer, or merge parts of our business or our assets. Alternatively, we may seek to acquire other businesses or merge with them. If a change happens to our business, then the new owners may only use your personal data in the same way as set out in this privacy notice.

We require all third parties to respect the security of your personal data and to treat it in accordance with the law. We do not allow our third-party service providers to use your personal data for their own purposes and only permit them to process your personal data for specified purposes and in accordance with our instructions.

6. Data security

We have put in place appropriate security measures to prevent your personal data from being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way, altered or disclosed. In addition, we limit access to your personal data to those employees, agents, contractors and other third parties who have a business need to know. They will only process your personal data on our instructions and they are subject to a duty of confidentiality.

We have put in place procedures to deal with any suspected personal data breach and will notify you and any applicable regulator of a breach where we are legally required to do so.

7. Data retention

How long will you use my personal data for?

We will only retain your personal data for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes we collected it for.

To determine the appropriate retention period for personal data, we consider the amount, nature, and sensitivity of the personal data, the potential risk of harm from unauthorised use or disclosure of your personal data, the purposes for which we process your personal data and whether we can achieve those purposes through other means, and the applicable legal requirements.

Details of retention periods for different aspects of your personal data are available in our retention policy which you can request from us by [contacting us](#).

8. Your legal rights

Under certain circumstances, you have rights under data protection laws in relation to your personal data. Please click on the links below to find out more about these rights:

- [\[Request access to your personal data\]](#).
- [\[Request correction of your personal data\]](#).
- [\[Request erasure of your personal data\]](#).
- [\[Object to processing of your personal data\]](#).
- [\[Request restriction of processing your personal data\]](#).
- [\[Request transfer of your personal data\]](#).
- [\[Right to withdraw consent\]](#).

If you wish to exercise any of the rights set out above, please [contact us](#).

No fee usually required

You will not have to pay a fee to access your personal data (or to exercise any of the other rights). However, we may charge a reasonable fee if your request is clearly unfounded, repetitive or excessive. Alternatively, we may refuse to comply with your request in these circumstances.

What we may need from you

We may need to request specific information from you to help us confirm your identity and ensure your right to access your personal data (or to exercise any of your other rights). This is a security

measure to ensure that personal data is not disclosed to any person who has no right to receive it. We may also contact you to ask you for further information in relation to your request to speed up our response.

Time limit to respond

We will respond to all legitimate requests within one month. Occasionally it may take us longer than a month if your request is particularly complex or you have made a number of requests. In this case, we will notify you and keep you updated.

9. Glossary

LAWFUL BASIS

Legitimate Interest means the interest of our business in conducting and managing our business to enable us to give you the best service/product and the best and most secure experience. We make sure we consider and balance any potential impact on you (both positive and negative) and your rights before we process your personal data for our legitimate interests. We do not use your personal data for activities where our interests are overridden by the impact on you (unless we have your consent or are otherwise required or permitted to by law). You can obtain further information about how we assess our legitimate interests against any potential impact on you in respect of specific activities by [contacting us](#)

Performance of Contract means processing your data where it is necessary for the performance of a contract to which you are a party or to take steps at your request before entering into such a contract.

Comply with a legal or regulatory obligation means processing your personal data where it is necessary for compliance with a legal or regulatory obligation that we are subject to.

THIRD PARTIES

Internal Third Parties

Other companies in The Practice Group, acting as joint controllers or processors, and who are based in the UK and provide IT and system administration services and undertake leadership reporting.

External Third Parties

Service providers, acting as processors, based in the UK who provide IT and systems administration services.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS

You have the right to:

Request access to your personal data (commonly known as a "data subject access request"). This enables you to receive a copy of the personal data we hold about you and to check that we are lawfully processing it.

Request correction of the personal data that we hold about you. This enables you to have any incomplete or inaccurate data we hold about you corrected, though we may need to verify the accuracy of the new data you provide to us.

Request erasure of your personal data. This enables you to ask us to delete or remove personal data where there is no good reason for us continuing to process it. You also have the right to ask us to delete or remove your personal data where you have successfully exercised your right to object to processing (see below), where we may have processed your information unlawfully or where we are required to erase your personal data to comply with local law. Note, however, that we may not always be able to comply with your request of erasure for specific legal reasons which will be notified to you, if applicable, at the time of your request.

Object to processing of your personal data where we are relying on a legitimate interest (or those of a third party) and there is something about your particular situation which makes you want to object to processing on this ground as you feel it impacts on your fundamental rights and freedoms. You also have the right to object where we are processing your personal data for direct marketing purposes. In some cases, we may demonstrate that we have compelling legitimate grounds to process your information which override your rights and freedoms.

Request restriction of processing of your personal data. This enables you to ask us to suspend the processing of your personal data in the following scenarios: (a) if you want us to establish the data's accuracy; (b) where our use of the data is unlawful but you do not want us to erase it; (c) where you need us to hold the data even if we no longer require it as you need it to establish, exercise or defend legal claims; or (d) you have objected to our use of your data but we need to verify whether we have overriding legitimate grounds to use it.

Request the transfer of your personal data to you or to a third party. We will provide to you, or a third party you have chosen, your personal data in a structured, commonly used, machine-readable format. Note that this right only applies to automated information which you initially provided consent for us to use or where we used the information to perform a contract with you.

Withdraw consent at any time where we are relying on consent to process your personal data. However, this will not affect the lawfulness of any processing carried out before you withdraw your consent. If you withdraw your consent, we may not be able to provide certain products or services to you. We will advise you if this is the case at the time you withdraw your consent.