

Privacy Notice for Ian Patterson,
Chartered, Investigative, and HCPC Registered Psychologist

Ian Patterson, practicing as *Psytac*, provides expert witness and specialised consultancy services. His business address is Elevator Business Centre, Admiral Court, Poynernook Road, Aberdeen, AB11 5QX. This privacy notice provides information about the personal information he processes about you, as a data controller, in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

Ian Patterson is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office, under Registration number Z8355086.

Please contact Ian Patterson at ian.patterson@psytac.co.uk with any questions or requests about the personal information he processes.

Your rights

Ian Patterson is committed to protecting your rights to privacy. They include:

Right to be informed about what he does with your personal data;

Right to have a copy of all the personal information he processes about you;

Right to rectification of any inaccurate data processed, and to add to the information held about you if it is incomplete;

Right to be forgotten and your personal data destroyed;

Right to restrict the processing of your personal data;

Right to object to the processing carried out based on legitimate interest;

The personal data process, why it is processed, where it comes from and the legal basis for doing so

Legal and other consultancy cases

Ian Patterson processes the personal data of individuals who are obtaining legal advice or are engaged in a legal dispute, and also the personal data of witnesses and others with links to the issues in the case. Sometimes, too, he may be asked to advise in other situations, such as ongoing investigations or enquiries in other professional domains.

The personal data Ian Patterson receives may include:

Names, contact details, and dates of birth;

Family information;

Financial information and bank details;

Health information;

Employment information;

Copies of interview statements made for the police or other public service officials; and these may be in paper, visual or audio formats

Copies of reports or other documentation made by or for the police or other public service officials; and these too may be in paper, or digital formats

Information about race, ethnic origin and sex;

The personal data are generally provided by the person instructing Ian Patterson in relation to the legal issues. That is very often a solicitor, but it could be another public service official.

Ian Patterson processes the data because it is in his legitimate professional role as an expert witness or specialist consultant to do so. He needs to see and analyse documents containing this information in order to provide expert or specialist advice.

In relation to any special category personal data, such as health records, or information concerning, race, ethnic origin, or sex is, Ian Patterson relies on the legal claims basis for processing this data, in addition to his legitimate interest.

In many cases, an individual has consented to the transfer of their personal data to Ian Patterson. Where an individual has so consented, he or she may easily withdraw it by notifying Ian Patterson at the email address shown above.

Finally, Ian Patterson runs a client relationship management system. Any personal data on the system is held in accordance with the consent of the data subject, which can be withdrawn at any time by contacting Ian Patterson.

Retention period

Personal data in legal cases may be retained indefinitely. This is because legal decisions may be challenged, or re-visited, many years later. If the case is not a legal matter, then it will be retained for six years in compliance with Ian Patterson's professional indemnity obligations. Where retention is not necessary, the data will be destroyed (or returned to its provider) on the conclusion of the case.

Administrative data are retained for up to six years as necessary, in the unlikely event there are queries from HMRC. Where it is not necessary to retain the data for six years, they will be destroyed as soon as possible.

With whom does Ian Patterson share personal data?

Ian Patterson shares personal data internally, in his professional practice, strictly on a need to know basis. A significant example of this sharing is in the proof reading of reports; and in professional supervision. Professional supervision is a requirement for all practitioner psychologists; and the supervisor is always another professional bound by the same GDPR requirements as Ian Patterson.

Special category data and personnel files held electronically are stored in password protected files. Hard copy special category and other personal data are stored securely, with restricted access.

Ian Patterson does not share personal data with anyone external to the practice, other than:

Those who have instructed him as an expert witness

His professional practice supervisor

With others pursuant to a court order

With others, for real life personal-harm and public safety purposes; and also for the prevention of criminal or security offences.

HMRC, as required

Information Commissioner's Office.

If you have any concerns about the way your personal information has been processed, please contact Ian Patterson. Alternatively, you may contact the Information Commissioner's Office on 0303 123 1113.