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Data Protection Policy

Asset Remarketing Services holds and processes information about employees, and other data subjects for administrative and commercial purposes. When handling such information, Asset Remarketing Services, and all staff or others who process or use any personal information, must comply with the Data Protection Principles.

In summary, these state that personal data shall:

- ❖ be processed fairly and lawfully,
- ❖ be obtained for a specified and lawful purpose and shall not be processed in any manner incompatible with the purpose,
- ❖ be adequate, relevant and not excessive for the purpose
- ❖ be accurate and up-to-date,
- ❖ not be kept for longer than necessary for the purpose,
- ❖ be processed in accordance with the data subject's rights,
- ❖ be kept safe from unauthorised processing, and accidental loss, damage or destruction,
- ❖ not be transferred to a country outside the European Economic Area, unless that country has equivalent levels of protection for personal data, except in specified circumstances.

In relation to customer data, Asset Remarketing Services are considered data processors and therefore the liability is the responsibility of the customer.

In relation to internal data Asset Remarketing Services are the data controllers and have implemented policies and security protections

Applicable Legislation

- ❖ Data Protection Act
- ❖ General Data Protection Regulations

Authorities / Responsibility

Asset Remarketing Services are registered with the ICO.
Registration number: ZA023435
Expiry date: 23/10/2022

Asset Remarketing Services have designated a Data Protection Officer (DPO): Ben Swindlehurst – Commercial Director

Definitions

- ❖ "Data controller" who (either alone or jointly or in common with other persons) determines the purposes for which and the manner in which any personal data are, or are to be, processed.
- ❖ "Other data subjects" and "third parties" may include contractors, suppliers, contacts, referees, friends or family members.

- ❖ “Processing” refers to any action involving personal information, including obtaining, viewing, copying, amending, adding, deleting, extracting, storing, disclosing or destroying information.

Notification of Data Held

Asset Remarketing Services shall notify all staff and other relevant data subjects of the types of data held and processed by Asset Remarketing Services concerning them, and the reasons for which it is processed. The information which is currently held by Asset Remarketing Services. This is detailed within our Privacy Statement; this is available on our website.

Data Protection Information

Information provided by staff to Asset Remarketing Services

All staff shall:

- ❖ ensure that all personal information which they provide to Asset Remarketing Services in connection with their employment is accurate and up to date;
- ❖ inform Asset Remarketing Services of any changes to information, for example, changes of address;
- ❖ check the information which Asset Remarketing Services shall make available from time to time, in written or automated form, and inform Asset Remarketing Services of any errors or, where appropriate, follow procedures for up-dating entries on computer forms.
- ❖ Asset Remarketing Services shall not be held responsible for errors of which it has not been informed.

Information held or processed by staff

Staff shall ensure that:

- ❖ all personal information is kept securely;
- ❖ personal information is not disclosed either orally or in writing, accidentally or otherwise to any unauthorised third party. Unauthorised disclosure may be a disciplinary matter and may be considered gross misconduct in some cases.

Rights to Access Information

- ❖ Personnel and other data subjects in Asset Remarketing Services have the right to access any personal data that is being kept about them either on computer or in structured and accessible manual files. Any person may exercise this right by submitting a request in writing to the appropriate designated data controller.
- ❖ Asset Remarketing Services aims to comply with requests for access to personal information as quickly as possible; but will ensure that it is provided within 30 days unless there is good reason for delay. In such cases, the reason for the delay will be explained in writing by the designated data controller to the data subject making the request.

- ❖ Data requests will be evaluated on an individual basis. The number of data requests in a given time period will be assessed. Multiple data requests over 6 months time period will result in charges being made for the data request, if this is an external data subject.

Subject Consent

- ❖ In some cases, such as the handling of sensitive information or the processing of research data, Asset Remarketing Services is entitled to process personal data only with the consent of the individual. Agreement to Asset Remarketing Services processing some specified classes of personal data is a condition of employment for staff.
- ❖ Asset Remarketing Services may process sensitive information about a person's health, disabilities, criminal convictions, race or ethnic origin in pursuit of the legitimate interests of Asset Remarketing Services. Asset Remarketing Services may also require such information for the administration of the sick pay policy, the absence policy or the equal opportunities policy, or for internal review.
- ❖ Asset Remarketing Services may also ask for information about particular health needs, such as allergies to particular forms of medication, or conditions such as asthma or diabetes. Asset Remarketing Services will only use such information to protect the health and safety of the individual, for example, in the event of a medical emergency. The consent of the data subject will always be sought prior to the collection of any sensitive data.

The Data Controller and the Designated Data Controllers

The Asset Remarketing Services Board of Directors and Management is the data controller. Responsibility for day-to-day matters will be delegated to the Heads of Department as designated data controllers. Information and advice about the holding and processing of personal information is available from the Director.

Retention of Data

Asset Remarketing Services will keep different types of information for differing lengths of time, depending on legal and operational requirements. These requirements are described in Information Audit Policy.

Removal of Data

A data source can request the removal of data from our information collections. However, depending on the type of data being requested to be deleted, this will be carried out in accordance with regulatory and legislative restraints.

Employment Data

Employment data is required to be retained for 3 years after employment. Therefore, all data will automatically be deleted after this time period. A request to delete this data will therefore be delayed until this time period has been reached.

Financial Data

Financial data is required to be retained for a minimum period of 7 years. Therefore, all financial data pertaining to the data source will be deleted from logical systems after this time period.

Compliance

- ❖ Compliance with Data Protection is the responsibility of members of staff. Any deliberate or reckless breach of this Policy may lead to disciplinary, and where appropriate, legal proceedings. Any questions or concerns about the interpretation or operation of this policy should be taken up with the Director.
- ❖ Any individual, who considers that the policy has not been followed in respect of personal data about him or herself, should raise the matter with the designated data controller initially. If the matter is not resolved, it should be referred to the staff grievance or complaints procedure.

Data Security

Whether end users are using desktop or laptop PCs, there is a risk that data can be lost due to hardware failure or user error. Staff must accept responsibility for the machines they use to ensure that data is regularly backed up to minimise loss to the business as a result of such events. In particular, care of customer data must be taken very seriously.

You should only take data sufficient for your need

- ❖ You should only hold data for the minimum time required to complete your work
- ❖ You should destroy data when no longer required and confirm to the client this has been done
- ❖ Where classified information must be processed on a portable computer in an area where not all personnel are cleared or have a "need to know", position the computer carefully to avoid casual overview.
- ❖ Products for secure access control and hard-disk encryption are recommended for laptops that contain classified information and may be taken outside the organisation. Asset Remarketing Services already employs software to carry this out and where is deemed necessary these measures are in place.

Data Protection Controls

As Asset Remarketing Services is considered a processor of external data and the controller of internal data, the GDPR places specific legal obligations; e.g. requirement to maintain records of personal data and processing activities. There will be more legal liability if Asset Remarketing Services are responsible for a breach.

Data breaches are managed as per the Information Security Incident Policy, however if a breach is considered notifiable Asset Remarketing Services must report the breach within 72 hours of being aware of

it. Notification to the relevant supervisory authority is only necessary where there is likely to be risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

Our Privacy Statement is published to our website. All information collections have been identified and have undergone a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA).

The following documents can be used to confirm compliance:

- ❖ Back Up Policy
- ❖ Encryption Management
- ❖ Information Security Incident Policy
- ❖ Malware Protection Policy
- ❖ Control Details