

How we are using your personal information

In these unprecedented times, we need to be able to identify the people within North Somerset who are most in need of support. In response to this, the Cabinet Office compiled a list of everyone in the UK they consider to be 'vulnerable', based on information provided to them by the NHS.

This list has been broken up based on geographic area, and each section has been given to the relevant Local Authority to which the information relates. The information provided to us by the Cabinet Office contains:

- Names
- Dates of birth
- NHS number
- Addresses
- Mobile and landline telephone numbers; and
- Email addresses

of all 'Vulnerable Persons' within North Somerset.

It is important to note that while the inclusion of people on this list will indicate that they have a pre-existing medical condition, no specific information on medical conditions is included. However, the list will be treated as 'Special Category Personal Data'.

North Somerset Council will share relevant parts of the list with other organisations who have been able to demonstrate that they require the information in order to contact individuals, for the purpose of offering help, social care or support. These organisations could include (but not limited to) Town and Parish councils and Community Volunteer groups. The use of your personal information in this manner is considered lawful under Articles 6(1)(e) and 9(2)(g) of GDPR and Paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018, as we are acting in the substantial public interest. Onward sharing of the information by the recipient organisations has been prohibited.

The list will be stored securely within North Somerset Council's UK-based servers. We will only share it with organisations within the UK, and we will ensure this transfer is carried out securely. Once the requirement to be able to contact the Vulnerable Persons has passed, we will securely destroy the list.

The list is only as accurate as the information held on the NHS central records allows, as at 20 March 2020. If we are advised of any inaccuracies within the information, we will update as soon as possible, as well as inform any organisations who have received the inaccurate data.

You have the right to see the information that is held about you, as well as the right to object to us holding it and/or sharing it. This would mean, however, that we would be unable to advise you of any additional support we could provide. To do this, or for any other information about how we use your personal data, please contact the council's Data Protection Officer at DPO@n-somerset.gov.uk