

Data Protection Privacy Statement - NHS Number Matching for Bedford Borough's Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and / or Disabilities (SEND)

In order to deliver services to the citizens and communities in Bedford Borough, it is necessary for the Council to collect, gather and process personal data about residents, staff and other individuals. Bedford Borough Council is committed to protecting your personal data when you use its services and/or correspond with it.

The Council has registered as a Data Controller with the Information Commissioner's Office. This registration can be viewed on the [ICO website](#) (opens in a new window) Registration Number Z5916725.

As a Data Controller, the Council sets out the purposes and methods for processing information and ensures safeguards over any personal and special category information it processes.

The sections below explain the arrangements we have in place to protect the information entrusted to the Council.

In relation to NHS Number Matching for Bedford Borough's Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and / or Disabilities (SEND). Bedford Borough Council will process your personal data for the following processing purposes:

The Authority wishes to access the NHS Number of its cohort of children and young people with Special Educational Needs so that there is then a common identifier that can be used across the Local Area of support (Health, Social Care and Education). This common identifier will enable us to better understand:

- **Whether those children with identified additional needs are receiving the identified support within their Education Health and Care Plan**
- **Whether there is enough service provision to support the needs of this cohort of SEND children**
- **Whether current provision and commissions are actually meet the needs of children and young people with SEND**

It is processing this personal data by virtue of the following Lawful Basis:

Performance of a contract, Compliance with a legal obligation, Performance of a task carried out in the public interest

Personal data provided for NHS Number Matching for Bedford Borough's Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and / or Disabilities (SEND) may be shared with, or obtained from the following organisations (in addition to any other disclosure required by a Court of Law or in response to a valid request by, normally, a law enforcement agency:

NHS Digital and NHS Trusts delivering services supporting children and young people with Special Educational Needs and / or Disability.

The processing of your personal data will be restricted in time to:

The NHS number will be recorded on the child's record and stored for as long as that record is retained by the Local Authority.

Your personal data will be held by/for the Council within the UK or the EU. If it is held elsewhere it will be held as follows:

Names and Dates of Births will be shared with NHS Digital for the purpose of matching NHS numbers. The NHS number will then be shared with NHS Trust's providing local services (Names, DOB's or addresses will not be shared with the trust, solely the NHS number). Information will be shared via secure encrypted email.

We have a range of measures to protect the personal data you provide. These include: cyber security; physical security of the Council's buildings and training on Data Protection for staff.

Bedford Borough Council is the Data Controller processing your information, who can be contacted as follows:

Information Governance
Bedford Borough Council
Borough Hall
Cauldwell Street
Bedford MK42 9AP
Email: dpo@bedford.gov.uk
Telephone: 01234 267422

If you wish to enquire about your rights as a data subject, whether you wish to request a copy of your own information that Bedford Borough Council holds, request for data portability; rectification or erasure of your data for any reason or objection to any processing, please contact the Council's GDPR Data Protection Officer email: dpo@bedford.gov.uk or send to the above address.

Alternatively, in the event that you remain dissatisfied with the way Bedford Borough Council has handled the processing of your information (i.e. after liaising with the Council to find a satisfactory solution), you have the right to contact the UK's Statutory Authority: The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who can be contacted by using the details displayed at the bottom of the page entitled [Personal information and your rights | Bedford Borough Council](#) on our website under the "Challenging the response" heading.

Changes to this Notice:

We keep this Privacy Notice under regular review; this Notice was last updated in August 2025.

