

## **NIGEL GOWLING**

### **Who am I?**

I am a self-employed barrister at 2 King's Bench Walk. I accept instructions from firms of solicitors, government bodies such as Local Authorities and from individuals under the Direct Access scheme.

The clerking team of 2 King's Bench Walk will handle most instructions in my name for the purposes of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

If you have any questions about how your personal data is handled, please do not hesitate to contact me via the clerks.

### **How the law protects you**

Your privacy is protected by law. This privacy statement is intended to set out how this works. The law says that I can use your personal information only if I have a proper reason to do so. On occasions, this will include sharing it with other barristers both inside and outside of Chambers. In order to do so, I must have one or more of the following reasons:

- i. When you consent to it
- ii. To fulfil a contractual obligation I have with you
- iii. When it is my legal duty to
- iv. When it is in my legitimate or vital interest

In the course of any business with me it is likely that I will receive what is known as 'special data' on you. This includes information on racial/ethnic background, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, health data and criminal records (both convictions and allegations).

By instructing me it is necessary that you consent to me processing the personal data you provide me with.

### **How I use your personal information**

As a barrister, I will use personal data provided to represent you in the case I have been instructed in. This can include the preparation of a case, the drafting of an advice or legal documents and representing you at a Court hearing.

### **What sort of data will I handle?**

My practice is predominantly in family and civil law. The sort of material I will frequently receive includes:

- - Personal contact details such as names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses, passport and identity documents and employment details
- - Applications for orders
- - Witness Statements
  
- - Exhibits (for example photographs, phone downloads, medical records, letters from third parties, financial records)
- - Details of the previous convictions / allegations of individuals

- - Disks of CCTV, police interviews, phone downloads, bodyworn camera footage
- - Reports prepared by experts

### **Who your information will be shared with?**

If instructed, my clerks are my data processors. They will take receipt of most material I am sent and store it securely on Lex. I will be able to access this data. Physical data (for example papers or disks) will also be received by the clerks and will be locked in Chambers. On occasions, I will have to take this home to work on but the material will remain locked away.

There may be occasions where data (as part of a case I am instructed in) will have to be shared with other members of 2 King's Bench Walk or other Chambers if I am unable to cover a particular hearing. This will only be done with the consent of the instructing individual or body.

### **If you choose not to give personal information**

You can choose not to give me personal information. This may prevent me from fulfilling my contract with you or doing what I am professionally obliged to do. It may mean that I have to withdraw from representing you.

You can withdraw your consent to me handling your personal data at any time. The best way to do this is through contacting my clerks.

### **How to get a copy of your personal data**

You can get a copy of all the personal information I hold on you by contacting my clerks.

### **Document Retention**

On the conclusion of a case, I will return papers I have been provided by instructing bodies to those who have instructed me or dispose of the papers securely as requested. I am professionally obliged to retain documents I generate in the course of a case for a minimum of seven years. After this point I will dispose of them and papers will be securely shredded and electronic data will be securely wiped.

This privacy statement is updated regularly. It was last updated on 16 October 2023.