Privacy Policy

This page explains how I collect and use personal data as your MP, the legal basis for doing so and provides information about your rights in respect of your personal data for which I am the data controller.

Contact details of the Data Controller:

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The office of George Howarth MP will only collect and use personal information for the specific purpose for which it has been obtained.

I or my office will undertake casework using personal information provided by or on behalf of a constituent or constituents. It may be necessary for me or my office to share your information with third party organisations. Please see the 'who I share your information with' section for further details. I or my office may contact you about your case by phone, email or post.

Lawful bases for processing

The lawful bases for processing data are set out in Article 6 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). I process data under the 'consent', 'public task' or 'legitimate interests' bases, as set out on the ICO's website.

Who I share your information with

When I take up casework on your behalf, it may be necessary for me, or my office, to share the details you provide with Government departments, local authorities and other public bodies or private organisations. I or my office will only share as much information as is necessary to take your case forward.

Other than in the circumstances above, I or my office will not share personal information with other organisations without your explicit consent.

Retention of personal data

I will keep your personal information for as long as it is necessary to fulfil the purposes described in this policy. Information relating to casework will be retained for as long as it is necessary to resolve or otherwise complete your request, although I may retain information about closed cases in the event that you contact me again for help. Your personal data will not be retained by me for more than four months following the next general election.

Your rights

You have a number of rights in relation to your personal information and the opportunity to choose how it is used. You can:

- Obtain copies of the personal information I hold about you (known as a "subject access request")
- Request that I correct or update any personal information held about you.
- Ask that we erase or restrict the way in which I use your information.
- Request that personal information you have given your consent for me to use is provided in an electronic format so it can be transferred to another data controller (also known as "data portability")

If you wish to exercise your rights in respect of your personal data or have any concerns about how your data is used, please contact me via the contact details provided in this document.

Alternatively, you have right to raise any issues or concerns directly with <u>The Information</u> <u>Commissioner's Office</u>