

NATIONAL FRAUD INITIATIVE (NFI)

This privacy notice explains what information the Council may use as part of the National Fraud Initiative data matching exercise.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR INFORMATION?

Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council is the data controller for the personal information collected until it has been submitted to the Cabinet Office.

THE PURPOSES OF PROCESSING YOUR PERSONAL DATA

The Cabinet Office currently requires the Council to participate in data matching exercises to assist in the prevention and detection of fraud. This is one of the ways in which the Minister for the Cabinet Office takes responsibility within government for public sector efficiency and reform.

Data matching involves comparing sets of data, such as the payroll or benefits records of a body, against other records held by the same or another body to see how far they match. The data is usually personal information. The data matching allows potentially fraudulent claims and payments to be identified. Where a match is found it may indicate that there is an inconsistency that requires further investigation. No assumption can be made as to whether there is fraud, error or other explanation until an investigation is carried out.

The Council is required to provide particular sets of data to the Cabinet Office for the matching exercise, and these are set out in the [Cabinet Office's guidance](#). Data matching by the Cabinet Office is subject to a [Code of Practice](#).

CATEGORIES OF PERSONAL DATA AND THE LAWFUL BASIS

The Council is permitted to submit information for the data matching exercise which is determined by the Cabinet Office. Currently, the information that the Council shares includes the following types:

- Payroll
- Pensions
- Trade creditors' payment history and trade creditors' standing data
- Housing (current tenants) and right to buy
- Housing waiting lists
- Housing benefits (provided by the DWP)
- Council tax reduction scheme
- Council tax (required annually)
- Electoral register (required annually)
- Students eligible for a loan (provided by the SLC)
- Private supported care home residents
- Transport passes and permits (including residents' parking, blue badges and concessionary travel)
- Insurance claimants
- Licenses – market trader/operator, taxi driver and personal licenses to supply alcohol
- Personal budget (direct payments)

The processing of data by the Cabinet Office in a data matching exercise is carried out with statutory authority under its powers in Part 6 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. It does not require the consent of the individuals concerned under the Data Protection Act 2018 or the GDPR.

AGENCIES WE SHARE THE INFORMATION WITH

- National Fraud Initiative (NFI) – You can find their privacy notice on the [Government website](#).

PROCESSING YOUR INFORMATION

Information you share with the Council may be subject to processing by a third party organisation. We may undertake a Data Protection Impact Assessment prior to commencing any such activity and will always ensure that processing of your data falls under one of the following lawful bases’;

- We have a legal obligation to process your personal data;
- We need to process your personal information ‘in the exercise of public authority’. This covers the public functions, powers and obligations placed on the Council and set out in law.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on how the Council uses this information, please email information.governance@tameside.gov.uk.