



Privacy Notice: Children and Young People with Fire Setting Behaviours

At South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue (SYFR) we have a youth intervention strategy, designed to reduce fire risk and fire crime through education. Our activities include the Fire Setter Intervention Programme which has been running since 1995 and provides advice for young fire setters and their families and to make them safer by reducing the risk of fire and ensuring that, should a fire occur, there is effective detection and procedures in place for safe evacuation.

Why do you need to process my information?

SYFR is committed to serving the local community, ensuring a safer place for people to live, work or visit. Our fire setters intervention is key to this and the information we collect can help influence our future work and keep people and their property safe.

The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 requires SYFR to provide fire safety advice and our youth intervention strategy is part of our Community Safety prevention work. To enable a child to be part of this education programme, the collection and use of personal data is done so with the explicit consent of the parent or carer.

The personal information we are likely to collect, process, hold and share include:

- Name, address, date of birth of the child or young person;
- Name and address of family members or carers, including age of siblings;
- Information relating to the instances of fire setting (such as referral information, assessment information, details of history of fire setting, dates and details of the interventions that we have carried out);
- Special educational needs and behavioural information relating to the child;
- The school attended by the fire setter (the person responsible for fire safety in the school will need to update the fire safety risk assessment).

If you do not provide consent we will collect limited, anonymised details for statistical purposes to record, monitor and evaluate our work.

How will my information be used?

Information is collected by phone or through a secure portal at the time of referral and then by phone, email or in person with the allocated Fire Setter Advisor. When obtaining consent for the collection of information, the referring partner / agency will be required to confirm that the fire setter and / or parent / guardian have agreed to have their details passed to SYFR and that we are able to store their data.

We use children and young person's data to:

- Record and evaluate our work;
- Derive statistics which inform decisions about how we improve safety and support the development of our staff;
- Investigate fires and other incidents;
- Help you contact other services which may benefit you or improve your safety;
- Deliver and manage safety courses and services for young people;
- Provide feedback of interventions to the referring agency.

Who will have access to the information?

The information gathered is stored on SYFR's secure network, with access restricted to those who need it to perform their role.

We have a responsibility to promote social wellbeing and prevent harm. To ensure you receive relevant services and we improve our own, we often work with other authorities, agencies and partners including:

- Other fire and rescue services (anonymised data for research purposes);
- Community organisations;
- Council social and educational services;
- Police and other emergency services;
- Health services;
- The Home Office (anonymised for statistical reporting).

The Fire and Rescue Network for England states that we are expected to develop partnerships to support risk reduction services to those identified as vulnerable and wherever possible to share intelligence and relevant risk data. The Digital Economy Act 2017 further supports public sector data sharing for the purpose of improving or targeting of a public service provided to individuals or households, which includes the wellbeing of individuals or households, such as their physical, mental health and emotional wellbeing and/or social and economic wellbeing.

We do not share information about children and young people without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so. For example, if we identify a safeguarding concern as part of our engagement, we have a legal duty to work with our statutory partners to safeguard children under the Children Act 2004. We will therefore share our concerns with the most appropriate partner.

How long will you keep hold of my information?

In most cases, we will keep Fire Setter data until the young person's 25th birthday. After this time it will be securely disposed of.

Is there anything else I need to know when it comes to my personal information?

To find out more about the rights you have when it comes to your personal information or who you can contact to discuss it further please see our full Privacy Policy, available under '[Your information](#)' on our website.