

Privacy Notice

News Corp UK and Ireland Limited - Invitation to comment on a request to release Undertakings accepted in 2019, which varied the Conditions put in place when the newspapers were acquired by News International in 1981

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The following is to explain your rights and give you the information you are entitled to under the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation.

1. The identity of the data controller/contact details of our Data Protection Officer

The data controller for any personal data collected as part of this Invitation to Comment is the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport ("DCMS"), the contact details for which are:

Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
100 Parliament Street
London
SW1 2BQ
Telephone - 020 7211 6000
Email - media-mergers@dcms.gov.uk

The contact details for the DCMS Data Protection Officer are:

The Data Protection Officer
Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
100 Parliament Street
London
SW1 2BQ
Email - dcmsdataprotection@culture.gov.uk

You can find out more here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-digital-culture-media-sport/about/personal-information-charter>

2. The data we collect (Data Categories)

Information may include the name, address, email address, job title, and employer of the correspondent, as well as their opinions. It is possible that respondents will volunteer additional identifying information about themselves or third parties.

3. Purpose

The personal information is processed for the purpose of obtaining the opinions of members of the public and representatives of organisations and companies to help inform the DCMS Secretary of State's decision as to whether or not to release Undertakings accepted in 2019,

which varied the Conditions put in place when the newspapers were acquired by News International in 1981 (“the Secretary of State’s decision”). We may also use this personal data to contact respondents in relation to their response.

4. Legal basis of processing

The processing is necessary for the effective performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in DCMS. The task is inviting comments to help inform the Secretary of State’s decision.

5. Who we share your responses with (Recipients)

Information provided in responses may be published or disclosed in accordance with the access to information regimes. These are primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

Responses to this invitation to comment may be shared with Ofcom and the CMA in order for these bodies to provide advice to the Secretary of State.

If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that, under the FOIA, there is a statutory Code of Practice with which public authorities must comply and which deals with, amongst other things, obligations of confidence.

In view of this, it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information, we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on DCMS.

6. How long we will hold your data (Retention)

Personal information in responses will be retained for two calendar years after the consultation has concluded. This is so that the DCMS is able to contact you regarding your response.

7. Special data categories

Any of the categories of special category data may be processed if such data is volunteered by the respondent.

8. Basis for processing special category data

Where special category data is volunteered by you (the data subject), the legal basis relied upon for processing it is: the processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest for the exercise of a function of the Crown, a Minister of the Crown, or a government department. This function is inviting comments to help inform the Secretary of State’s decision.

9. Your rights

- you have the right to request information about how your personal data are processed and to request a copy of that personal data
- you have the right to request that any inaccuracies in your personal data are rectified without delay
- you have the right to request that your personal data are erased if there is no longer a justification for them to be processed
- you have the right, in certain circumstances (for example, where accuracy is contested), to request that the processing of your personal data is restricted
- you have the right to object to the processing of your personal data where it is processed for direct marketing purposes

10. Your personal data will not be sent overseas.

11. Your personal data will not be used for any automated decision making.

12. Your personal data will be stored in a secure government IT system.

13. Complaints

If you have any concerns about the use of your personal data, please contact us via this mailbox: dcmsdataprotection@culture.gov.uk

If we are unable to address your concerns to your satisfaction, you can make a complaint to the Information Commissioner, the UK's independent regulator for data protection. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone - 0303 123 1113
Email - casework@ico.org.uk

Any complaint to the Information Commissioner is without prejudice to your right to seek redress through the courts.