



**An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt**  
**Department of Justice**

## **Public Consultation on key issues related to the Disregard of Convictions for Certain Qualifying Offences related to Consensual Sexual Activity between Men**

### **Privacy Notice**

#### *Introduction*

1. The data you provide is collected by Strategic Policy, Planning & Research, a Business Unit of the Department of Justice (DoJ). The data controller for the information you provide is the Department of Justice and the data controller's contact details are:

Principal Officer,  
Department of Justice,  
Strategic Policy, Planning and Research, Criminal Justice, Department of  
Justice, 51 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2, D02 HK52, Ireland  
[Disregard@justice.ie](mailto:Disregard@justice.ie)

#### *How will your personal data be used?*

2. We may use the personal data you provide for the following purpose(s):
  - To acknowledge receipt of a submission if received via email or post.
  - To respond directly to any queries you raise or in response to any request from you for future contact with regards to this topic.
  - For review and consideration by the Working Group in order to inform the final report and recommendations of the Working Group to the Minister for Justice on the development of a scheme to disregard convictions for certain qualifying offences related to consensual sexual activity between men.
  - Following the close of the consultation the Working Group will prepare a Consultation Summary Report which will provide an overview of the submissions received, identifying key themes and input for consideration by the Working Group. Your name and contact details, if provided, will not be included in this report.
  - Personal testimony submitted may be captured in a Consultation Summary

Report following completion of the public consultation, or in the final report of the Working Group. Such testimony will be anonymised or pseudonymised and published in accordance with the requirements of the GDPR and the Data Protection Acts 1998 - 2018.

### ***Legal Basis for processing your Personal Data***

3. Our legal basis for collecting and processing this data to carry out a task in the public interest. The Minister is administering this consultation process the details and requirements of which are set out on the Department website. The public consultation has been established in the exercise of the executive power of the State , vested in the Government by the Constitution.

### ***Security of Personal Data***

4. The personal data provided will be stored securely on DoJ IT servers, if submitted by post these will be scanned and saved securely on DoJ IT servers and the paper file securely archived. [

### ***Sharing of Personal Data***

5. It may be shared, where appropriate, with the following third parties:

Members of the Working Group to Examine the Disregard of Convictions  
for Certain Qualifying Offences Related to Consensual Sexual Activity  
between Men

### ***Further processing of your Personal Data***

6. We may also process your personal data for research or statistical purposes as allowed under the Data Protection Act 2018 and the GDPR.

There will be no further processing of your personal data.

### ***Contact for Queries***

7. The contact for any queries is Jensen Byrne, Strategic Policy, Planning and Research at [disregard@justice.ie](mailto:disregard@justice.ie)

### ***How long will Personal Data be retained?***

8. This data will be stored in accordance with the requirements of the National Archives Act 1986.

### ***How to Request a copy of your Personal Data***

9. You can request a copy of your personal data by completing a Subject Access Request (SAR) form, available:
  - at [http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Data\\_Protection](http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Data_Protection) or
  - from the Data Protection Support and Compliance Office (DPSCO) at the address below.

Forward the completed form by email to [subjectaccessrequests@justice.ie](mailto:subjectaccessrequests@justice.ie) or by post to the DoJ Data Protection Officer at the address below. You will be required to verify your identity before the data can be forwarded to you. The time limit for responding to a SAR commences once your identity has been verified.

### ***Your Rights in relation to your Personal Data***

10. You have the right to rectify any inaccuracies in your data. To do this you should write to *Strategic Policy, Planning and Research, Criminal Justice Policy, Department of Justice, 51 St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2, D02 HK52* documenting the inaccuracies which need to be rectified. The right to rectification is not absolute and each request will be considered on its own merits.
11. You have the right, where appropriate, to obtain erasure of your data and/or a restriction on the processing of your data as well as the right to object to the processing of your data. To do this you should write to the Business Unit as set out above. The right to erasure, restriction or objection is not absolute and each request will be considered on its own merits.
12. You have the right to lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Commission (DPC). You can contact the DPC by webforms on their website [www.dataprotection.ie](http://www.dataprotection.ie) or by post to:

21 Fitzwilliam Square South  
Dublin 2  
D02 RD28

Further details in relation to your data protection rights can be found in the Department of Justice Data Protection Policy available at:

[http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Data\\_Protection](http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Data_Protection)

*Contact the DPO*

You can contact the Data Protection Officer (DPO) for the Department of Justice by post at:

The Data Protection Officer,  
Department of Justice,  
51 St. Stephen's Green,  
Dublin 2, D02 HK52.

Or

by email - [dataprotectioncompliance@justice.ie](mailto:dataprotectioncompliance@justice.ie)