

Public Consultation on Priorities for Digital Government Service Development

Privacy Notice

This notice relates to the use of personal data that the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER) may optionally collect as part of the public consultation process regarding **Priorities for Digital Government Service Development**. It is a requirement under Article 13 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) that we provide you with this information.

Why do we process your personal data?

In order to collect and collate the views of both the general public and stakeholders who may be impacted directly by how public services are delivered online, DPER is carrying out a public consultation process. The data gathered through this consultation will be used for that purpose in accordance with Departmental best practice procedures and GDPR.

By default, the consultation is anonymous and no one responding is required to provide personal data. The online version uses a tool called EUSurvey, which will not save any personal data such as IP addresses. Contributors are reminded, in a number of places, not to include any personally identifiable information in their answers to the consultation questions.

The final question gives contributors the option of providing an email address should they be interested in being contacted for possible follow-up by DPER after their contribution has been submitted.

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For those respondents who provided an email address and have recently agreed to be contacted by an external company working on behalf of the Department of Public Expenditure NDP Delivery and Reform.

You have confirmed your agreement to participate in the follow-up analysis to the public services consultation. To that end you have provided your contact details and confirmed your agreement to allow the Department to provide these to that company.

The Department will not provide the company with your specific responses to the previous Public Consultation. Note also that the company may not contact everybody who provides contact details.

DPER, in the interests of transparency, intends to publish on its website a summary of submissions received in response to this public consultation process. Contact email information, if optionally provided, will be redacted as standard.

“Special category” personal data is defined under Article 9(1) of the GDPR as “personal data revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, or trade union membership, and ... genetic data, biometric data ... uniquely identifying a natural person, data concerning health or data concerning a natural person's sex life or sexual orientation”.

Special category personal data is not requested as part of this consultation and you are asked not to provide such information in any responses. If you still choose to provide special category personal data in your submission, it will be processed for the purpose of considering same. If you optionally provide an email address, you will be contacted before any special category personal data that may be contained in your submission is published.

Otherwise, it should be taken that all material contained in your submission, including personal data, may be published for transparency purposes without further reference to you. If you feel that any part of your submission should not be published, please clearly draw attention to this fact and set out a brief summary of your reasons. If you have flagged concerns in relation to the publication of your submission, in whole or in part, you will be contacted in this regard before any part of the submission is published.

On what lawful basis do we process your personal data?	Our Lawful basis for Processing under the GDPR
<p>In the case of any personal data you choose to provide in your submission, processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller Article 6(1)(e) GDPR Section 38 Data Protection Act 2018</p>	<p>This information will ensure that the consultation will reflect the views of the relevant parties and sectors who may be impacted directly by how public services are delivered online.</p>
<p>Although not requested, in the case of any special categories of personal data you choose to provide in your submission, processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest Article 9(2)(g) GDPR</p>	<p>In addition to the lawful bases above, special category personal data may be processed on the basis of Article 9(2)(g). Depending on the nature of the special category data you choose to provide (even though not requested), other provisions may also apply, for example Article 9(2)(e) GDPR in relation to special category data that has already “manifestly been made public” by you.</p>

What personal data do we process?	Categories of Personal Data
Personal identification data	None
Contact information data	(Optional) e-mail address

Any other information that you decide to voluntarily share with us

(Optional) Personal data that is provided in the submission

Data storage and retention

We will retain your personal information as necessary, in order to fulfil the purposes for which it was collected. Material provided may be archived in due course in accordance with the provisions of the National Archives Act 1986. Identifying data, along with the submission itself, will remain on the DPER website for a reasonable period of time to allow for suitable openness, transparency and public scrutiny following the conclusion of the review process.

Applicant data rights

You have rights under data protection law in relation to how we use your personal information. You have the right, free of charge, to:

- Request access to or a copy of the personal data held about you. This can be done by contacting the Department at the contact details below and completing a Subject Access Request Form.
- Rectify any inaccurate personal data held about you.
- Restrict processing of your personal data in certain circumstances.
- Request the erasure of personal data in certain circumstances.
- Object to the processing of personal data in certain circumstances.
- Not be subject to a decision which is based solely on automated processing where that decision produces a legal effect on you or otherwise significantly affects you. Your personal data submitted as part of this process will not be the subject of automated decisions of this nature.

What if I do not want to provide my Personal Data?

You are under no obligation to provide your personal data to us. The extent to which you wish to include personal data in your submission, if at all, is a matter entirely for your own discretion.

Contact Details

DPER is the data controller in relation to this public consultation process.

Any queries about the use of your personal data as part of this process can be referred to the Department's Data Protection Officer at dataprotection@per.gov.ie.

If you wish to make a complaint about the use of your personal data you can contact the Data Protection Commission (DPC). Further details are available at www.dataprotection.ie