**The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd**

**Client Privacy Statement**

The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd is a HR provider. We offer a range of HR services to business, charities and organisations that need HR assistance.

When you request our service we will collect some personal information about you, including; your name, role, business address, contact telephone numbers, your business e-mail address and specifics about the support you require which may include personal and sensitive data about your employees. You will have gained consent from your employees in order to share their personal and sensitive data with us. We require this information for a number of different reasons including, communicating with you as we provide our service to you, communication on your behalf with third parties, reporting and research purposes and to deliver the service you require. The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd has created this Privacy Statement under the Data Protection Act 1998 and the General Data Protection Regulations 2018. The statement is for your information and it covers how we collect, use, disclose, transfer and store personal data.

**1. Introduction and General Terms**

The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd is committed to protecting your personal information when you are using our services. We want our services to be safe, transparent and reliable. This Privacy Statement relates to our use of any personal information we collect from you.

It also relates to our use of any personal information you provide to us by phone, SMS, email, in letters and other correspondence and in person.

In order to provide you with the full range of The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd services, we sometimes need to collect information about you.

This Privacy Statement explains the following:

• What information The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd may collect about you

• How the The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd will use information we collect about you

• When the The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd may use your details to contact you

• Whether the The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd will disclose your details to anyone else

• Your choices regarding the personal information you provide to us

The The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd is committed to safeguarding your personal information. Whenever you provide such information, we are legally obliged to use your information in line with all applicable laws concerning the protection of personal information, including the Data Protection Act 1998 and the General Data Protection Regulations 2018. No system of data storage can be completely secure; if you have any concerns or complaints that your personal data held by the The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd could have been compromised e.g. someone could have discovered your personal details held by us, please get in touch straight away. Our contact details are at section 14 of this statement.

**2. What information will The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd collect about me?**

When you get in touch with us either via our website, e-mail or telephone we will collect some personal information about you. This can consist of information such as your name, role, email address, business address, telephone or mobile number.

**3. How will The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd use the information it collects about me?**

The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd will use your personal information for a number of purposes including the following:

Ensuring that we have accurate information so that we may communicate with you and keep you updated of developments as we provide our service to you.

Ensuring that we have consent and that we hold accurate information so that we may contact you at a future date for the purposes of quality control, billing, keeping you up to date or managing any other business related issues.

Ensuring that we have accurate information for internal reporting, for example, reporting to our Directors/Board of Trustees, or reporting to other interested stakeholders.

**4. When will The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd contact me?**

The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd may contact you:

• In relation to any correspondence we receive from you or any other parties involved in the service provision we provide for you, for example where we are discussing a case with a lawyer, payroll provider, H&S provider, training provider or other related services

• In relation to any financial questions or issues such as in relation to billing or work activity.

• To invite you to participate in surveys or provide recommendations about The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd service

• For reporting and research purposes

**5. Will I be contacted for marketing purposes?**

The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd will only send you marketing emails or contact you where you have agreed to this by giving us your consent for example to update you on current changes to legislation and provide information on what services we can offer you.

 From time to time we may also contact you to ask your views about the service The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd provided to you. We may personalise the message content based upon any information you have provided to us.

If you want to stop all personalised messages from the The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd you can contact us at any time and instruct us to stop. We will, of course, stop.

**6. Will The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd share my personal information with anyone else?**

We will keep your information within The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd except where disclosure is required or permitted by law (for example to government bodies and law enforcement agencies) or where you have consented to us sharing your information with other parties involved in the service we provide to you, including, for example: Lawyers financial advisors, HMRC, IT specialists, ACAS, registered union officials, H&S advisers or other individuals, bodies or organisations where there is a specific reason to do so.

Generally, we will use your information within The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd and will only share it outside The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd where you have requested it *via* a data portability request, or given your consent. The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd requires all third parties to comply strictly with its instructions and The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd requires that they do not use your personal information for their own business purposes and only use your information for reasons associated with the services we provide for you.

**7. How long will The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd keep my information?**

We will hold your personal information on our systems for as long as is necessary for the purpose of the supply of services and for any legal requirements, the data we hold may have a material impact on future cases, so it is not always possible to put a time limit on data held. It is anticipated that we will hold your personal information for a period of 7 years (from the last contact made with you) to cover any civil claims that might be made; However, if you require an extension to this retention period please let us know.

**8. Can I delete my data?**

You can always ask for your information to be deleted by The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd. However, please bear in mind that we may be required to hold your information for a minimum period of 7 years for possible legal reasons.

Deleting the information The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd holds about you will erase any personal information we have about you or any cases we have dealt with on your behalf and it will mean we wont be able to provide any of the data in future if it is required for other purposes;

**9. Can I find out what personal information The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd holds about me?**

Under the Data Protection Act 1998 and the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 you have the right to request a copy of the personal information The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd holds about you and to have any inaccuracies corrected. (We require you to prove your identity with 2 pieces of approved identification). We will use reasonable efforts consistent with our legal duty to supply, correct or delete personal information about you on our files. Please address requests and questions about this or any other question about this Privacy Statement to Kerry McGowan, 01279 814888 or 07970 489321 or email Kerry at kerry@thehrspecialists.co.uk

We will need two copies of forms of identification, which can be:

* Passport
* Driving licence
* Birth certificate
* Utility bill (from last 3 months)
* Current vehicle registration document
* Bank statement (from last 3 months)

**10. Web browser cookies**

a) What is a Cookie?

A cookie is a small amount of data, which often includes a unique identifier that is sent to your computer, tablet or mobile phone (all referred to here as a "device") web browser from a website's computer and is stored on your device's hard drive. Each website can send its own cookie to your web browser if your browser's preferences allow it. Many websites do this whenever a user visits their website in order to track online traffic flows. Similar technologies are also often used within emails to understand whether the email has been read or if any links have been clicked.

The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd uses Google Analytics. Google Analytics may use cookies to help us monitor and improve our website.

Your web browser may also provide the information about your device, such as an IP address and details about the browser that you are using.

The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd does collect information such as your IP address or the browser you are using.

**11. Changes to The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd Privacy Statement**

This Privacy Statement may be updated from time to time so you may wish to check it each time you submit personal information to The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd. If you do not agree to any changes, please do not continue to use The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd website or submit personal information to The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd. You can also ask for your businesses personal or sensitive data to be deleted by The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd at any time – (Subject to any legal reasons we may have to keep some of the data we hold about you). If material changes are made to the Privacy Statement, for instance affecting how we would like to use your personal information, we will provide a more prominent notice (including, for certain services, email notification of Privacy Statement changes).

**12. Sharing of your data with others**

As part of the service that we provide it may be necessary to share information we hold about you we third parties, see section 6. Before we share any information we hold about you with any third party we will gain consent from you. If you do not want us to share your personal information with any third party please let us know immediately.

You also have the right to ask us to share your personal data with anyone you wish. To exercise this right to data portability please write to us, giving full details, using the details provided at section 14 of this statement.

**13. Data storage**

The data that we collect from you will be stored within the European Economic Area ("EEA") and will not be transferred outside the EEA unless we have your explicit consent to such transfer and storage. We will take all steps reasonably necessary to ensure that your data is treated securely and in accordance with this privacy statement.

**14. Contacting the BPC about this Privacy Statement**

If you any questions or comments about The HR Specialists Consultancy Ltd Privacy Statement please contact Kerry McGowan, kerry@thehrspecialists.co.uk or telephone 01279 814888 or mobile 07970 489321.

**15. The on-line HR system**

The system holds personal and sensitive data and The HR Specialists respects client’s wishes to keep all information confidential. The HR Specialists only accesses such data at the request of the organisation.

Please see the privacy statement for the on-line HR system at:

<https://www.breathehr.com/privacy-policy/>