



## Privacy Notice

Brian Mellor Financial Services Limited are committed to respecting and protecting your privacy. This privacy notice explains how we use any personal information we collect about you.

### What information do we collect about you?

We collect information about you when you engage us for financial planning / financial advice / mortgage advice / investment management services. This information will relate to your personal and financial circumstances. It may also include special categories of personal data such as data about your health, if this is necessary for the provision of our services.

We may also collect information when you voluntarily complete client surveys or provide feedback to us.

Information relating to usage of our website is collected using cookies. These are text files placed on your computer to collect standard internet log information and visitor behaviour information. We'll use your information collected from the website to personalise your repeat visits to the site

### Information about connected individuals

We may need to gather personal information about your close family members and dependants in order to provide our service to you effectively. In such cases it will be your responsibility to ensure that you have the consent of the people concerned to pass their information on to us. We'll provide a copy of this privacy notice for them if asked for or, where appropriate, ask you to pass the privacy information to them.

### Why do we need to collect and use your personal data?

The primary legal basis that we intend to use for the processing of your data is for the performance of our contract with you. The information that we collect about you is essential for us to be able to carry out the services that you require from us effectively. Without collecting your personal data we'd also be unable to fulfil our legal and regulatory obligations.

Where special category data is required we'll obtain your explicit consent in order to collect and process this information.

### How will we use the information about you?

We collect information about you in order to provide you with the services for which you engage us.

### Who might we share your information with?

**If you agree**, we may email you, write to you or make contact personally about other products or services that we think may be of interest to you.

We won't share your information for marketing purposes with any other companies outside of our own group.

In order to deliver our services to you effectively we may send your details to third parties such as those that we engage for professional compliance, accountancy or legal services as well as product and platform providers that we use to arrange financial products for you. We may also use your details with third party providers to provide you with non-regulated information such as Cashflow Modelling.



Where third parties are involved in processing your data we'll have a contract in place with them to ensure that the nature and purpose of the processing is clear, that they are subject to a duty of confidence in processing your data and that they'll only act in accordance with our written instructions.

Where it's necessary for your personal data to be forwarded to a third party we'll use appropriate security measures to protect your personal data in transit. This may include two step authentication, password protection and data encryption etc.

To fulfil our obligations in respect of prevention of money-laundering and other financial crime we may send your details to third party agencies for identity verification purposes.

### How long do we keep hold of your information?

During the course of our relationship with you we'll retain personal data which is necessary to provide services to you. We'll take all reasonable steps to keep your personal data up to date throughout our relationship.

We're also subject to regulatory requirements to retain your data for specified minimum periods. These are, generally:

- Five years for investment business
- Three years for mortgage business
- Indefinitely for pension transfers and opt-outs
- Three years for insurance business

These are **minimum** periods, during which we have a legal obligation to retain your records.

We reserve the right to retain data for longer where we believe it's in our legitimate interests to do so. In any case, we will not keep your personal data for longer than **5 years** after our relationship with you has ended.

You have the right to request deletion of your personal data. We'll comply with this request, subject to the restrictions of our regulatory obligations and legitimate interests as noted above.

### How can I access the information you hold about me?

You have the right to request a copy of the information that we hold about you. If you'd like a copy of some or all of your personal information please email or write to us using the contact details noted below.

When your personal data is processed by automated means you have the right to ask us to move your personal data to another organisation for their use.

We have an obligation to ensure that your personal information is accurate and up to date. Please ask us to correct or remove any information that you think is incorrect.

### Automated decision making and profiling

We do not currently employ any automated decision making and profiling. This may change in the future. If so, we will update our privacy notice and ensure it is posted on our website for your reference.



## Marketing

We'd like to send you information about our products and services and any related information that we feel may be of interest to you. If you've agreed to receive marketing information, you may opt out at a later date.

You have a right at any time to stop us from contacting you for marketing purposes or giving your information to other members of the group. If you no longer wish to be contacted for marketing purposes, please contact us by email or post, or by using the contact form on our website.

## Cookies

We use cookies to track visitor use of the website and to compile statistical reports on website activity.

For further information visit <http://www.allaboutcookies.org/>

You can set your browser not to accept cookies and the above website tells you how to remove cookies from your browser. However in a few cases some of our website features may not function as a result.

## Other websites

Our website may contain links to other websites. This privacy policy only applies to this website so when you link to other websites you should read their own privacy policies.

## What can you do if you are unhappy with how your personal data is processed?

You also have a right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority for data protection. In the UK this is:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
0303 123 1113 (local rate)

## Changes to our privacy policy

We keep our privacy policy under regular review and we'll place any updates on our website as well as making it available to you on request. This privacy policy was last updated on 03/05/2018.

## How to contact us

Please contact us if you have any questions about our privacy policy or information we hold about you: by email at [admin@brian.mellorfs.com](mailto:admin@brian.mellorfs.com)

Alternatively write to us at;      Brian Mellor Financial Services Limited  
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