

Privacy notice for the Standards in Social Work pre and post qualifying consultation 2025

Why we need your data

We want to make sure that the data from our surveys are robust. A reliable means of doing this is requiring an email address from each respondent and limiting responses to one. This allows everyone to have their say but prevents multiple responses skewing the results.

Respondents' information is subject to our data protection policy. It is treated confidentially, is only used for its intended purpose and it is removed after it has been used. We will not publish email addresses.

The information we are asking for, including the equalities information provided by individual respondents, will help us when we analyse the responses as it helps us to establish if we are reaching the right people and gives the analysis context.

What we will do with your data

Your participation in this survey is voluntary. Responses to all of the questions are optional.

We will not identify individuals in our analysis or reporting. Any responses you provide will be treated confidentially and stored online while the survey is open. When the survey is closed, the data will be moved to our secure IT system.

This survey will not store your IP address or make it available to or viewable by SSSC staff.

Lawful basis

We are relying on the lawful basis set out in Article 6(1)(e) of the UK GDPR to process personal data for the purposes of this consultation, as the processing is necessary for the performance of our task as a regulator, which we carry out in the public interest.

We are relying on the lawful basis set out in Article 9(1)(g) of the UK GDPR to process special category data for the purposes of this consultation, as the processing is necessary for the performance of our statutory functions as a regulator, which are in the substantial public interest.

Respondents have the option to provide their equalities data. The reason we ask for this information is that it helps us to better understand the context for the responses which informs the analysis and can contribute to the decisions that are made following analysis of survey results.

How long we keep your data

We will keep the data you provide for up for five years and then delete it. This is in line with our [Retention schedule](#).

Your rights

Our [Data protection and privacy notice](#) sets out the rights you have under the data protection legislation and how to contact us if you have any complaints or queries about how we process your personal information.

If you would like to request this survey in another format please contact us on 0345 60 30 891.