

IM 14 PRIVACY

Scope:

All CentacareCQ Management, Staff and Volunteers

POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of CentacareCQ to manage personal information provided to or collected by it. Reasonable steps will be taken to ensure information collected is accurate, complete, up-to-date; relevant to the stated purpose; stored securely and any disclosure to other parties is transparent to the owner of that information.

ACCOUNTABILITY:

<i>Management Accountability</i>	Line Managers are responsible for implementation and for ensuring that staff are aware of this policy and related procedures.
<i>Staff Accountability</i>	All staff are responsible for compliance with this policy and related procedures.
<i>Consequences</i>	Failure to comply with this policy and associated procedures may result in the instigation of a performance management process.

References:

- Privacy Act 1988
- National Privacy Principles (NPPs)
- Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld)
- Dept of Communities Standards 4.2; 4.3; 4.4; 4.5
- Family Law Act 2006 and relevant amendments
- FRSP 12.1; 14.1
- Human Services Quality Standard 1.1; 1.7
- Home Care Standards 3.2
- Integrity in the Service of the Church: Principle 1.2; 5.1; 5.5

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IM 01 Privacy

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FRAMEWORK

INTRODUCTION

This framework sets out how Centacare; Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton (CentacareCQ) manages personal information provided to or collected by it.

CentacareCQ is bound by the Australian Privacy Principles contained in the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988. In relation to health records, CentacareCQ is also bound by the Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld)

CentacareCQ may, from time to time, review and update the Privacy Policy to take account of new laws and technology, changes to operations and practices and to make sure it remains appropriate to the changing Community Services environment.

WHAT KINDS OF PERSONAL INFORMATION DOES CENTACARECQ COLLECT AND HOW IS IT COLLECTED?

The type of information CentacareCQ collects and holds includes (but is not limited to) personal information, including health and other sensitive information, about:

- Clients, Family members of Clients and other people connected to clients before, during and after the delivery of a range of services provided by CentacareCQ;
- Job applicants, staff members, volunteers and contractors; and
- Other people who come into contact with CentacareCQ.

Personal Information You Provide

CentacareCQ will generally collect personal information held about an individual by way of forms filled out by/for clients, face-to-face meetings and interviews, emails and telephone calls. On occasions, people other than clients will provide personal information.

Personal Information Provided by Other People

In some circumstances CentacareCQ may be provided with personal information about an individual from a third party, for example a report provided by a medical professional or a reference from another service.

Exception in Relation to Employee Records

Under the Privacy Act 1988 and Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld) , the Australian Privacy Principles do not apply to an employee record. As a result, this Privacy Policy does not apply to CentacareCQ's treatment of an employee record, where the treatment is directly related to a current or former employment relationship between CentacareCQ and employee.

HOW IS PERSONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY AN INDIVIDUAL USED?

CentacareCQ will use personal information it collects from you for the primary purpose of collection, and for such other secondary purposes that are related to the primary purpose of collection and reasonably expected by you, or to which you have consented.

Clients

In relation to personal information of clients, CentacareCQ's primary purpose of collection is to enable CentacareCQ to provide services to clients in line with funding requirements and relevant service standards. This includes satisfying the needs of clients, CentacareCQ and funding bodies throughout the whole period the client is serviced by CentacareCQ or as required by the relevant funding agreement.

In some cases where CentacareCQ requests personal information about a client, if the information requested is not provided, CentacareCQ may not be able to commence or continue the provision of services to the client.

Job Applicants, Staff Members and Contractors

In relation to personal information of job applicants, staff members and contractors, CentacareCQ's primary purpose of collection is to assess and (if successful) to engage the applicant, staff member or contractor, as the case may be. The purposes for which CentacareCQ uses personal information of job applicants, staff members and contractors include:

- Administering the individual's employment or contract, as the case may be;
- Insurance purposes;
- Seeking donations and marketing for CentacareCQ; and
- Satisfying CentacareCQ's legal obligations, for example, in relation to child protection legislation.

Volunteers

CentacareCQ also obtains personal information about volunteers who assist in its functions or conduct associated activities, to enable CentacareCQ and the volunteers to work together and meet any legal obligation.

Marketing and Fundraising

CentacareCQ treats marketing and seeking donations for the future growth and development of CentacareCQ as an important part of ensuring that CentacareCQ continues to provide a quality service in which both clients and staff thrive. Personal information held by CentacareCQ may be disclosed to organisations that assist in CentacareCQ's fundraising. Clients, staff, contractors and other members of the wider community may from time to time receive fundraising information, publications, like newsletters and magazines.

WHO MIGHT CENTACARECQ DISCLOSE PERSONAL INFORMATION TO AND STORE YOUR INFORMATION WITH?

Only with prior consent from the client or their carer/guardian, if appropriate, CentacareCQ may disclose personal information, including sensitive information, held about an individual to:

- Another service;
- Government departments;
- Medical practitioners;
- People providing services to CentacareCQ, including contractors;
- Recipients of CentacareCQ publications, such as newsletters and flyers;
- Anyone you authorise CentacareCQ to disclose information to; and
- Anyone to whom we are required to disclose the information to by law.

Sending and Storing Information Overseas

CentacareCQ may store personal information in the 'cloud' which may mean that it resides on servers which are situated outside Australia.

HOW DOES CENTACARECQ TREAT SENSITIVE INFORMATION?

In referring to 'sensitive information', CentacareCQ means: information relating to a person's racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religion, trade union or other professional or trade association membership, philosophical beliefs, sexual orientation or practices or criminal record, that is also personal information; health information and biometric information about an individual. Sensitive information will be used and disclosed only for the purpose for which it was provided or a directly related secondary purpose, unless you agree otherwise, or the use or disclosure of the sensitive information is allowed by law.

MANAGEMENT AND SECURITY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

CentacareCQ staff are required to respect the confidentiality of clients' personal information and the privacy of individuals. CentacareCQ has in place steps to protect held personal information from misuse, interference and loss, unauthorised access, modification or disclosure by use of various methods including locked storage of paper records and password access rights to computerised records.

Storage Timeframes and Disposal

Records will be retained for the period required by regulations, legislation and contractual arrangements. Documents that are not required to be retained are destroyed.

ACCESS AND CORRECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

Under the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988, an individual has the right to obtain access to any personal information which CentacareCQ holds about them and to advise CentacareCQ of any perceived inaccuracy.

There are some exceptions to these rights set out in the applicable legislation. To make a request to access or update any personal information CentacareCQ holds about you, please contact the Director of CentacareCQ in writing. CentacareCQ may require you to verify your identity and specify what information you require. When considering a request from an advocate or client representative to access a client's personal information, CentacareCQ will first determine whether the person is an appropriately authorised representative of the client.

CentacareCQ may charge a fee to cover the cost of verifying your application and locating, retrieving, reviewing and copying any material requested. If the information sought is extensive, CentacareCQ will advise the likely cost in advance. If we cannot provide you with access to that information, we will provide you with written notice explaining the reasons for refusal.

ENQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS

If you would like further information about the way CentacareCQ manages the personal information it holds, or wish to complain that you believe that CentacareCQ has breached the Australian Privacy Principles please contact the Director of CentacareCQ who will investigate any complaint and will notify you of the making of a decision in relation to your complaint as soon as is practicable after it has been made. To make contact with the Director, please submit a hard copy letter signed by you to:

The Diocesan Director
CentacareCQ
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