

## Privacy Notice – Business Partners

### 1. Introduction

This Privacy Notice applies to individuals who are providing or receiving goods or services to/from LTE Group (“**you**” or “**your**”), working under or in relation to our business partners (e.g. suppliers, vendors, business contacts) or who apply to do so via our tendering process. Further general information is available here: [LTE Group Procurement](#).

### 2. What is the purpose of this document?

LTE Group (“**we**”, “**our**”, “**us**”), is committed to protecting the privacy and security of your personal information (“**personal data**”). This Privacy Notice describes how we collect and use personal information about you in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK General Data Protection Regulation (the “**GDPR**”), together with other UK data protection laws.

**Our Data Protection Policy, as well as more information on how we process personal data, can be found at: <https://www.ltegroup.co.uk/dataprotection/> You can also contact our Data Protection team at [dpo@ltegroup.co.uk](mailto:dpo@ltegroup.co.uk) if you have any questions regarding this document.**

It is important that you read this Privacy Notice, together with any other privacy notice we may provide on specific occasions when we are collecting or processing information about you, so that you are aware of how and why we are using your personal data and what your legal rights are in relation to it.

### 3. The kind of information we hold about you

Personal data, or personal information, means any information from which an individual person can be identified. It does not include data where the identity has been removed (anonymous data).

Some of the personal data we collect about you is classed as being 'special category personal data'. Access to and sharing of this information is controlled very carefully.

The categories of personal information that we may collect, store, and use about you may include:

|  | Business Partners |
|--|-------------------|
| Accreditations                                     | ✓                 |
| Complaint data                                     | ✓                 |
| Credit history                                     | ✓                 |
| Criminal offence data*                             | ✓                 |
| Data captured by CCTV systems and security cameras | ✓                 |
| Financial/business status                          | ✓                 |
| Information about your tax status/VAT registration | ✓                 |
| Invoicing details e.g. bank details                | ✓                 |
| IP addresses and cookies                           | ✓                 |
| IR35 assessment information (sole suppliers)       | ✓                 |
| Modern slavery statement                           | ✓                 |
| Personal information and contact details           | ✓                 |
| Qualifications, licensing, and registration status | ✓                 |

We may collect other additional personal information during the course of our relationship with you.

#### 4. How is your personal information collected?

We typically collect personal information about you when we establish our working relationship with you, purchase goods and/or services from you, or vice versa. On occasion, personal information is also collected via an external tendering platform.

We may collect additional personal information throughout the course of our relationship with you, for example via email, telephone or via our website.

#### 5. How will we use information about you?

Overall, we use your personal data to manage your relationship with LTE Group as a supplier or customer. We have set out the main purposes for processing below.

Data protection laws require us to meet certain conditions before we are allowed to use your personal data in the manner described in this Privacy Notice, including having a "lawful basis" for the processing. Where we process special category personal data or criminal offence data, we are required to establish an additional lawful basis for processing that data.

Some of the below grounds for processing will overlap and there may be several grounds which justify our use of your personal information. We may process your personal information without your knowledge or consent where this is required or permitted by law.

| Purpose  | Lawful Basis  |
|--|---|
| <b>To take steps to enter a contract between you/your organisation and us</b><br><br><b>To administer, or otherwise deliver, our obligations arising from a contract entered into with you/your organisation</b><br><br><b>To fulfil any requests you have made regarding our or your order(s), or to contact you with information relevant to your interaction with us</b><br><br><b>To ascertain your ability to provide us with goods and/or services</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Necessary for the performance of a contract</li> <li>• To comply with our legal obligations, e.g. for taxation or employment law purposes</li> <li>• Necessary for the performance of a contract</li> <li>• Necessary to perform a task in the public interest, or for official functions, where the task/function has a clear basis in law</li> </ul> |
| <b>Internal and statutory reporting, audit, and other legal obligations, including compliance with health and safety law</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To comply with our legal obligations, e.g. employment and health and safety law</li> <li>• Performance of a task in the public interest (education)</li> </ul>   |

#### Do we need your consent?

We do not generally process your personal data based on your consent (as we can usually rely on another legal basis, as outlined in the table above). If we do process your personal information based on your consent, we will inform you of this before we start the processing and you will have the right to withdraw your consent at any time.

#### 6. If you fail to provide personal information

If you fail to provide certain information when requested, we may not be able to establish our working relationship with you or perform the contract we have entered into with you or your organisation, such as purchasing the goods and/or services from you or providing our services to you.

#### 7. Change of purpose

We will only use your personal information for the purposes for which we collected it, unless we reasonably consider that we need to use it for another reason and that reason is compatible with

the original purpose. If we need to use your personal information for an unrelated purpose, we will notify you and we will explain the legal basis which allows us to do so.

Please note that we may process your personal information without your knowledge or consent, in compliance with the above rules, where this is required or permitted by law.

## 8. Automated decision-making

Automated decision-making takes place when an electronic system uses personal information to make a decision without human intervention. We do not envisage that any decisions will be taken about you using automated means, however, we will notify you in writing if this position changes.

## 9. Data sharing

We may share your personal data with third parties where essential to comply with our legal and contractual obligations, such as external auditors and hosted technology solution providers. This will only be undertaken as part of the administration and management of our contract with you. A full register of who we may share your personal data with and why is available on request: [dpo@ltegroup.co.uk](mailto:dpo@ltegroup.co.uk)

Information on how we handle disclosure requests, for example for law enforcement, crime prevention and investigation purposes, can be found here: [LTE Group and Disclosure requests](#)

All our third-party partners/service providers are required to take appropriate security measures to protect your personal information in line with our policies. We do not allow our third-party partners/service providers (our data processors) to use your personal data for their own purposes. We only permit them to process your personal data for specified purposes and in accordance with our instructions.

Your data may be transferred outside of the UK, for example, where we use third-party providers to deliver our services, such as externally-hosted software or cloud providers who store data globally. We undertake strict due diligence on all partners to ensure that they have the adequate safeguards in place to protect your data under Article 46 GDPR.

## 10. Data security

We have measures in place to help protect the security of your information.

Where the infrastructure is in our direct control, we have put in place appropriate security measures to help prevent your personal information from being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way, altered or disclosed. In addition, we limit access to your personal information to those employees, agents, contractors and other third parties who have a legitimate need to know. They will only process your personal information on our instructions, and they are subject to a duty of confidentiality.

We have put in place procedures to deal with any suspected data security breach and will notify you and any applicable regulator of a suspected breach, where we are legally required to do so.

## 11. Data retention

We will only retain your personal information for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes we collected it for. Details of retention periods for different aspects of your personal information are available in our **Records Management Policy** and **Data Retention Schedule** (available on request from [dpo@ltegroup.co.uk](mailto:dpo@ltegroup.co.uk)).

In some circumstances we may anonymise your personal information so that it can no longer be associated with you, in which case we may use such information without further notice to you.

Once we no longer require access to your personal information we will retain and securely destroy it in accordance with our data retention policy and applicable laws and regulations.

## 12. Your duty to inform us of changes

It is important that the personal information we hold about you is accurate and current. Please keep us informed if your personal information changes.

## 13. Your individual rights in connection with personal data

Subject to certain conditions, you have the following rights in relation to your personal data:

**Access** to your personal information (known as the Right of Access/ a Subject Access Request)

**Rectification** of the personal information we hold about you if it is incorrect

**Erasure/Deletion** of your personal information (in certain circumstances)

**To be Informed** about the processing your personal information

**Restriction** of processing of your personal information

**Transfer** of your personal information to another party

**Objection** to processing of your personal information

**Suspension** of processing of your personal information

If you wish to exercise any of the above rights, please contact us via email:

[dpo@ltegroup.co.uk](mailto:dpo@ltegroup.co.uk). Further guidance on your rights is available from the Information Commissioner's Office (<https://ico.org.uk/>).

## 14. If you are unhappy with how we have handled your data

If you are unhappy with how we have handled your data, you may lodge a formal complaint with the following department:

LTE Group Data Protection Officer  
Whitworth House  
Ashton Old Road  
Manchester  
M11 2WH

[dpo@ltegroup.co.uk](mailto:dpo@ltegroup.co.uk)

If you do not wish to discuss your complaint with us, or you are unhappy with our response, you also have the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority, the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

Further information is available on the ICO website, or via the telephone:

<https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/contact-us-public/>

0303 123 1113

More information on the ICO's complaint procedure can be accessed at: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>