

Privacy Policy

Caroline Binns Psychology Pty Ltd (ABN 80 957 627 917) (**we, us** or **our**), understands that protecting your personal information is important. This Privacy Policy sets out our commitment to protecting the privacy of personal information provided to us, or collected by us, when interacting with you or your Dependent. In this Privacy Policy the word **Dependent** means any person (child or adult) for whom you are the legal representative or guardian.

The information we collect

Personal information: is information or an opinion, whether true or not and whether recorded in a material form or not, about an individual who is identified or reasonably identifiable.

The types of personal information we may collect about you include:

- Basic identifying and contact information, such as your name, date of birth, email address, phone number and address;
- Where your psychologist provides services to you as an NDIS participant, your National Disability Insurance Scheme (**NDIS**) plan details and reference number that we process for administrative and billing purposes;
- Where your psychologist provides services to you through referral from ADF, DVA or Open Arms, your relevant identification number is stored for administrative and billing purposes
- details about payments to you from us and from you to us and other details of services you have purchased from us or we have purchased from you;
- information you provide to us when you participate in any interactive features, including surveys, feedback forms, contests, promotions, activities or events;
- your preferences in receiving marketing from us and our third parties and your communication preferences
- if we need to verify your identity (for example, because we have a legal obligation to do so), your government-issued identification and proof of address documents;

Sensitive information is a sub-set of personal information that is given a higher level of protection. Sensitive information means information relating to your racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religion, trade union or other professional associations or memberships, philosophical beliefs, sexual orientation or practices, criminal records, health information or biometric information. The types of sensitive information we collect include:

- where you enquire about or book psychological services with a psychologist, information about you or your Dependents that we collect during intake calls to help allocate you to an appropriate psychologist, including:
 - health information, including details about your needs for psychological services;
 - racial or ethnic origin (so that we can provide culturally appropriate care where possible); and
 - where your psychologist provides services to NDIS participants, details of any relevant NDIS plan, or any other support plan or treatment report provided to us for administrative purposes;

How we collect personal information

We collect personal information in a variety of ways, including:

- when you provide it directly to us, including face-to-face, over the phone, over email, or online;
- when you complete a form, such as an appointment request form, registering for any events or newsletters, or responding to surveys;
- from third parties, including GPs and other healthcare professionals who refer clients to our psychologists, and where your psychologist provides services to NDIS participants, from NDIS plan managers and support coordinators for billing and administrative purposes; or
- when you use any software or website we operate and make available to you (including from any analytics and cookie providers or marketing providers. See the “Cookies” section below for more detail on the use of cookies); or
- from publicly available sources.

Why we collect, hold, use and disclose personal information

Personal information: We collect, hold, use and disclose your personal information for the following purposes:

- to provide administrative support services to independent psychologists, including answering phones, appointment scheduling, and billing;
- to facilitate your access to psychological services by allocating you to an appropriate psychologist;
- to contact and communicate with you about psychological services, including in response to any support requests you lodge with us or other enquiries you make with us;
- to contact and communicate with you about any enquiries you make with us via any website we operate;
- for internal record keeping, administrative, invoicing and billing purposes, including processing payments through Medicare, DVA, and where your psychologist provides NDIS services, through NDIS plan managers;
- to comply with our legal obligations or if otherwise required or authorised by law.

Sensitive information: We only collect, hold, use and disclose sensitive information for the following purposes:

- any purposes you consent to;
- the primary purpose for which it is collected;
- secondary purposes that are directly related to the primary purpose for which it was collected, including disclosure to the below listed third parties as reasonably necessary to provide administrative support to psychologists and facilitate your access to psychological services;
- to contact emergency services, or to speak with your family, partner or support person where we reasonably believe there is a serious risk to the life, health or safety of you or another person and it is impracticable for us to obtain your consent; and
- if otherwise required or authorised by law.

Our disclosures of personal information to third parties

Personal information: We will only disclose personal information (excluding sensitive information) to third parties where it is necessary as part of our business,

where we have your consent, or where permitted by law. This means that we may disclose personal information (excluding sensitive information) to:

- IT service providers, data storage, web-hosting and server providers, including email, SMS and other communication systems, client relationship management and customer service systems, web forms, accounting and practice management systems;
- professional advisors, bankers, auditors, our insurers and insurance brokers;
- payment systems operators or processors;
- our existing or potential agents or business partners;
- where your psychologist provides services to NDIS participants, NDIS plan managers for billing and administrative purposes;
- courts, tribunals and regulatory authorities, in the event you fail to pay for goods or services we have provided to you;
- courts, tribunals, regulatory authorities and law enforcement officers, as required or authorised by law, in connection with any actual or prospective legal proceedings, or in order to establish, exercise or defend our legal rights;
- third parties to collect and process data, such as analytics providers and cookies; and
- any other third parties authorised by you, such as your family members and other providers; and
- any other third parties as required or permitted by law, such as where we receive a subpoena.

Sensitive information: We will only disclose sensitive information with your consent or where permitted by law. This means that we may disclose sensitive information to:

- where your psychologist provides services to NDIS participants, NDIS plan managers for billing and administrative purposes, and other health care professionals or persons/entities as necessary to facilitate your access to psychological services;
- IT service providers, data storage, web-hosting and server providers, including email, SMS and other communication systems, client relationship management and customer service systems, web forms, accounting,

employee recruitment and management) and practice management systems;

- professional advisors;
- courts, tribunals, regulatory authorities and law enforcement officers, as required or authorised by law, in connection with any actual or prospective legal proceedings, or in order to establish, exercise or defend our legal rights;
- third parties to collect and process data, such as analytics providers and cookies; and
- any other third parties authorised by you, such as your family members and other providers;
- any other third parties as required or permitted by law, such as where we receive a subpoena.

Overseas disclosure

We store your personal information in Australia. Where we disclose your personal information to third parties, those third parties may store, transfer or access personal information outside of Australia. We will only disclose your personal information overseas in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles.

Your rights and controlling your personal information

Your choice: Please read this Privacy Policy carefully. If you provide personal information to us, you understand we will collect, hold, use and disclose your personal information in accordance with this Privacy Policy. You do not have to provide personal information to us, however, if you do not, it may affect our ability to work with you as a customer or supplier of our business.

Information from third parties: If we receive personal information about you from a third party, we will protect it as set out in this Privacy Policy. If you are a third party providing personal information about somebody else, you represent and warrant that you have such person's consent to provide the personal information to us.

Restrict and unsubscribe: To object to processing for direct marketing/unsubscribe from our email database or opt-out of communications (including marketing communications), please contact us using the details below or opt-out using the opt-out facilities provided in the communication.

Access: You may request access to the personal information that we hold about you. An administrative fee may be payable for the provision of such information.

Please note, in some situations, we may be legally permitted to withhold access to your personal information. If we cannot provide access to your information, we will advise you as soon as reasonably possible and provide you with the reasons for our refusal and any mechanism available to complain about the refusal. If we can provide access to your information in another form that still meets your needs, then we will take reasonable steps to give you such access.

Correction: If you believe that any information we hold about you is inaccurate, out of date, incomplete, irrelevant or misleading, please contact us using the details below. We will take reasonable steps to promptly correct any information found to be inaccurate, out of date, incomplete, irrelevant or misleading. Please note, in some situations, we may be legally permitted to not correct your personal information. If we cannot correct your information, we will advise you as soon as reasonably possible and provide you with the reasons for our refusal and any mechanism available to complain about the refusal.

Complaints: If you wish to make a complaint, please contact us using the details below and provide us with full details of the complaint. We will promptly investigate your complaint and respond to you, in writing, setting out the outcome of our investigation and the steps we will take in response to your complaint. If you are not satisfied with our response, you may contact the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner.

Storage and security

We are committed to ensuring that the personal information we collect is secure. In order to prevent unauthorised access or disclosure, we have put in place suitable physical, electronic and managerial procedures, to safeguard and secure personal information and protect it from misuse, interference, loss and unauthorised access, modification and disclosure.

While we are committed to security, we cannot guarantee the security of any information that is transmitted to or by us over the Internet. The transmission and exchange of information is carried out at your own risk.

User-generated content

We may enable you to post reviews, comments, photos and other user-generated content. Any content you choose to submit will be accessible by anyone, including third parties not associated with us. We have no control over how others may use or

misuse information you make publicly available. We are not responsible for the privacy, security or accuracy of any user-generated content you choose to post or for the use or misuse of that information by any third parties.

Cookies and analytics

We may use cookies, tracking pixels and similar technologies on our website and in our emails from time to time. Cookies are text files placed in your computer's browser to store your preferences. Tracking pixels are tiny, invisible images (typically the size of one pixel) embedded in web pages or emails. Cookies and tracking pixels, by themselves, do not tell us your email address or other personally identifiable information. However, they do recognise you when you return to our online website and allow third parties to cause our advertisements to appear on your social media and online media feeds as part of our retargeting campaigns. If and when you choose to provide our online website with personal information, this information may be linked to the data stored in the cookie or collected by tracking pixels. Unlike cookies, tracking pixels do not store any information on your device, but instead send information to our servers when the pixel is loaded.

You can block cookies by activating the setting on your browser that allows you to refuse the setting of all or some cookies.

You can block tracking pixels by using ad-blocking or privacy-focused browser extensions. Some email providers allow you to block images by default, which can prevent tracking pixels in emails from loading.

However, if you use your browser settings to block all cookies (including essential cookies) and tracking pixels you may not be able to access all or parts of our website and you may not receive personalised content.

Google Analytics: We may use Google Analytics Advertising Features. We and third-party vendors may use first-party cookies (such as the Google Analytics cookie) or other first-party identifiers, and third-party cookies (such as Google advertising cookies) or other third-party identifiers together. These cookies and identifiers may collect Technical and Usage Data about you.

You can opt-out of Google Analytics Advertising Features including using a Google Analytics Opt-out Browser add-on found [here](#). To opt-out of personalised ad delivery on the Google content network, please visit Google's Ads Preferences

Manager here or if you wish to opt-out permanently even when all cookies are deleted from your browser you can install their plugin here. To opt out of interest-based ads on mobile devices, please follow these instructions for your mobile device: On android open the Google Settings app on your device and select “ads” to control the settings. On iOS devices with iOS 6 and above use Apple’s advertising identifier. To learn more about limiting ad tracking using this identifier, visit the settings menu on your device.

To find out how Google uses data when you use third party websites or applications, please see here.

Facebook/Meta Analytics: We may use tools provided by Meta, such as the Meta Pixel, advanced matching, and Conversions API. These allow us to measure ad performance and deliver ads that may be relevant to you on Meta platforms based on your activity on our website/app. You can control whether we can join data from third party partners with your Meta account for ads by adjusting your preferences within Meta’s settings. You can disconnect this data from your Meta account by changing your settings for Off-Facebook activity. For more information, please see Meta’s Privacy Policy here.

Links to other websites

Our website may contain links to other party’s websites. We do not have any control over those websites and we are not responsible for the protection and privacy of any personal information which you provide whilst visiting those websites. Those websites are not governed by this Privacy Policy.

Amendments

We may, at any time and at our discretion, vary this Privacy Policy by publishing the amended Privacy Policy on our website. We recommend you check our website regularly to ensure you are aware of our current Privacy Policy.

For any questions or notices, please contact us at:

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