

Privacy Notice: Office of National Statistics (ONS) Births Extract

Bristol City Council is the 'data controller' for the purposes of the Data Protection Act 2018 (Bristol City Council's registration number is Z5873747), the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016, and the data sharing agreement with NHS Digital in relation to this dataset. The purpose of this privacy policy is to tell you about what information we collect about you when you use our service, how we use that information and who we may share it with.

The contact details of the data controller is David Thomas; on behalf of Bristol City Council, City Hall, Bristol, BS1 5TR

What is this data and the legal basis for processing it:

Personal information about a birth is collected at the time of a registration of birth by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). An extract of data on all births to Bristol residents is shared with the public health team in Bristol City Council under a data sharing agreement with NHS Digital that administer the data nationally, on behalf of the Office for National Statistics (ONS). This agreement is renewed and all requirements for appropriate data security and appropriate use are checked by NHS Digital annually.

The legal basis for the sharing of this data with Bristol City Council is section 261 (5) (d) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, and for its processing by Bristol City Council is article 9 (2) (h) and article 6 (1) (e) of the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016. We hold this data because processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest, or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller requires it.

This dataset consists of information recorded at birth by the maternity provider, and at the registration of the birth, which is required by law to normally take place within 42-days of the birth. Data relates to the child and parents as disclosed at the time of birth registration.

Information held about births that are classed as personal identifiable includes: date of birth of child; NHS number of child; address and postcode of usual residence of mother; and address and postcode of place of birth of child. Other information held includes: sex of child; birth weight; age of mother; a birth in marriage indicator; country of birth of parents; occupation and socioeconomic status of parents; and a still birth indicator.

Why we need to collect your data:

We will use this information to understand local trends in births and population in detail, to understand the needs of the community and support the planning, evaluation and provision of services to the city. The information is used to ensure that health, social care, and public health services address local needs and are focussed on reducing health inequalities (the differences in health status between population groups and geographical areas).

How long we will keep your data for:

Data is currently held for births and registered from 1995 until 2017, with quarterly updates provided as new data is made available. Bristol City Council may retain this data only while the annual data sharing agreement with NHS Digital is in force. Should this agreement lapse or be refused then this dataset will be deleted from our records.

Who the data will be disclosed to and how will it be disclosed:

Statistics derived from this dataset typically contribute to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, the Director of Public Health's Annual Report, local commissioning plans, local health profiles and health needs assessments. It may also help us to answer ad-hoc queries in relation to maternity services and births in the city.

The personal or identifiable fields within this dataset are used only for collation and calculation by specialist information staff within the public health team. Only non-identifiable data and statistics derived from the data are shared with others within the public health team, or other parts of the local authority, or partners we collaborate with as part of our duty to improve the public health, such as local NHS hospitals, and the local Clinical Commissioning Group. This is achieved through the aggregation of records (adding births together) and/or the anonymisation of records (removing anything that could potentially identify an individual).

Personal or identifiable information within this dataset will not be shared with anyone outside of Bristol City Council, unless we have a legal obligation to do so, such as in relation to safeguarding or criminal matters.

Your rights as a data subject:

You have the right to request access to your data and where data is found to be inaccurate to have that data corrected. In certain circumstances you have the right to have data held about you erased, or the use of it restricted, you may be able to object to processing as well as the right to have your data transferred to another data controller.

As the collection of this data at registration is mandated in law, these rights will be subject to that legislation. Requests to amend or remove information from the birth registration record must be directed to the registry office where the birth was originally registered, or its successor if the location no longer exists. More information about the amendment of birth registration records can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/correct-birth-registration>

You also have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) at www.ico.org.uk if you think we have dealt with your information in an inappropriate manner.

You can ask to see what information we hold about you and have access to it. You can do this, by contacting:

Statutory Data Protection Officer
Bristol City Council
Information Governance Service
P O Box 3176
BRISTOL
BS3 9FS
Data.protection@bristol.gov.uk

Any further questions regarding the data being processed may also be sent to the above address or to the data controller.