**GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION**

**THE MEDICO-LEGAL SOCIETY**

**PRIVACY POLICY**

**General**

Please also refer to the Medico-Legal Society’s (“the Society”) [GDPR Compliance Statement](https://www.medico-legalsociety.org.uk/gdpr-compliance-statement/) which should be read in conjunction with this page.

Like most websites you visit, this website automatically collects some information about you and your visit.

This privacy notice tells you what personally identifiable information (“PII”) and other data is collected, how and what it is used for, how you can restrict that PII being passed to the website and what the implication of doing so might be.

It also tells you about your rights under the General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”).

The Society does not hold or process any PII other than that which you provide to it manually or automatically by your browser through the use of this website.

The Society will not sell or rent your PII to third parties nor will it share your PII with third parties for marketing or any other purposes.

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The first time that you visit this website, a banner at the bottom of the page reminds you that this website uses cookies and provides a link to this page so you can find out more. If you continue to use this website it assumes that you accept that it can place cookies on your machine. If you want to delete any cookies, see the instructions below. If you click on *“Accept and close”* you are verifying that you accept the cookies detailed below.

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**Cookie details**

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| Google Analytics | \_utma \_utmb \_utmc \_utmt \_utmz | These cookies are used to collect information about how visitors use the website. The information is used to compile reports and to help improve the website. The cookies collect information in an anonymous form, including the number of visitors to the website, where visitors have come to the website from and the pages they visited. Google Analytics do not collect any personal information as identified in their [privacy policy](https://www.google.com/intl/en/analytics/privacyoverview.html). Google also have a [browser plugin](https://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout) for various browsers that allows users to opt out of their analytics.  The \_utmt cookie expires at the end of your browser session. | |
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Posts on this website may include embedded content (e.g. videos, images, articles, etc). Embedded content from other websites behaves in the exact same way as if the visitor has visited the other website.

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**Social network tracking cookies**

The social network share buttons may set third-party cookies on your machine that allows them to track you. Please refer to the privacy policies of the social network for details of what information they gather and how they track you.

**Advert tracking cookies**

The Society’s website does not carry adverts.

**Viewing cookies**

If you wish to view cookies from a website, consult your browser’s help pages.

**Changing browser settings to accept or reject cookies**

If you wish to prevent all cookies from being placed on your computer, you will need to change your browser settings to reject cookies. How to do this will depend on which browser you use. Details for the most popular browsers are provided below. However, this may severely affect how web pages look and how they function and some websites may not display at all. These links also provide information on additional security and privacy features and tools.

[Internet Explorer](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/278835/how-to-delete-cookie-files-in-internet-explorer)

[Chrome](https://www.google.com/chrome/browser/privacy/index.html)

[Firefox](https://support.mozilla.org/en-US/kb/Clear%20Recent%20History)

[Safari](https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201265)

[Opera](https://www.opera.com/browser/tutorials/security/privacy/)

For other browsers, please consult the browser’s help pages or the browser’s supplier.

For information on how to do this on the browser of your mobile phone, please refer to your phone’s manual or the manufacturer’s website.

**Useful information**

Information regarding the PECR on cookies can be found on the website of the [Information Commissioner’s Office](https://ico.org.uk/).

A number of websites provide detailed information on cookies including

[AllAboutCookies.org](http://www.allaboutcookies.org/)

[AllAboutCookies.org.uk](http://www.allaboutcookies.org/).

The Internet Advertising Bureau website [Your Online Choices](http://www.youronlinechoices.com/uk/) allows you to install opt-out cookies across different advertising networks.

Google has developed a browser add-on to allow users to [opt-out of Google Analytics](https://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout) across all websites that use Google Analytics.

Technologies such as [Mozilla’s Do Not Track](https://dnt.mozilla.org/) allow you to tell websites not to track you.

Internet Explorer has a feature called [Tracking Protection Lists](http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/internet-explorer/products/ie-9/features/tracking-protection) that allows you to import a list of websites you want to block.

Many browsers, including Chrome and Firefox, allow you to prevent third-party websites setting cookies. Please consult your browser’s help pages for further information.

**Contact form**

When you complete the contact form, you are given the opportunity to provide a name and e-mail address that the Society can use to reply to you. The Society will only use this e-mail address for this purpose and will not pass this on to anyone else.

The Society uses the Akismet service to screen the name and e-mail address provided on the form for spam before they are sent. Akismet is operated by the same company (Automattic) that provides the software that runs this website (WordPress). Akismet’s privacy policy is available [here](https://automattic.com/privacy/).

**Links to other websites**

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**RSS feed**

If you subscribe to one of the RSS feeds (Posts or Comments) using an RSS Reader, no information about you or your subscription is retained.

Server log

When you visit the Society’s website, standard Internet server log information is collected. This includes browser data, your IP address and the pages you visit. This is stored in the website’s server logs as is the case with most other websites that you visit. This does not contain PII.

**Server location**

The server that hosts the Society’s website is located in the UK.

**Backups**

Backups of the website including comments are stored in a fully encrypted form.

**Trademarks and copyright**

The Society retains the copyright of all original material on this website. The Society acknowledges the trademarks and copyright of others but uses material under the fair dealing concept, generally for criticism or review.

**Effectivity**

This privacy notice is effective from 25 May 2018 and remains effective until it is withdrawn or superseded.

**Changes to this privacy notice**

This privacy notice is kept under regular review. This privacy notice was last updated on 11 June 2021.

If you have any queries about this privacy notice, please contact the Society [contact us](https://www.medico-legalsociety.org.uk/about/contact/).