

# Sharing information

## Children and Young People (Jersey) Law 2022

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Young People



The new law and its guidance make sure everyone understands their role and responsibilities to:

- promote and support the wellbeing of children and young people
- safeguard their welfare.

This tells you more about how everyone working with children and young people should share information. **Recording and sharing information in the right ways, helps services work together and support children quickly. This makes a big difference.**

### Information should be shared to:

- promote a child's wellbeing
- keep a child safe.

### How to share

Information must be shared in ways that:

- follow data protection laws
- respect people's rights to a private life.

### Everyone has rights

Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) says everyone – children, young people, and their families – has the right to a private and family life.

**But this right isn't as important as keeping a child safe from harm and making sure they have the care they need.**

### What to share


What is shared must:

- be **clear**
- be **necessary** for the purpose
- be fair, **accurate** and up to date
- only be kept for as long as it's **needed**.

### Be clear

People working with children and young people must share information if it is necessary to meet a health or development need or to safeguard welfare. They do not need to ask for consent to share but should tell children and parents:

- what information they are sharing
- why it's being shared
- who it's being shared with
- how the information is going to be used.

 The only time they would not tell a family they are sharing information is if they think it will put the child more at risk.

### Consent

People working with children and young people must get consent to share information.

### Making decisions

People working with children and young people should:

- keep clear records about why and how they shared information
- record who they have shared it with and when
- ask for advice if they're unsure about sharing something.



### Listening to children and young people

Children and young people have the right to be involved and listened to in decisions that affect their lives (UNCRC Article 12).

They should be given information that is easy to understand and right for their age so they understand what's happening and why. There are **Participation Standards for Children and Young People**.

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