

Privacy notice

LAURA BOSCAWEN – ACUPUNCTURE & MASSAGE

Purpose of privacy notice

The processing of personal data is governed by the General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679 (the GDPR). This legislation will replace current data privacy law, giving more rights to you as an individual and more obligations to organisations holding your personal data.

One of the rights is a right to be informed, which means Laura has to give you even more information about how she uses, shares and store your personal information.

This means that you can access this information, along with information about the increased rights you have in relation to the information she holds on you and the legal basis on which she is using it.

This new privacy notice comes into effect on 25 May 2018.

Who are we?

LAURA BOSCAWEN, SIX PHYSIO & CHELSEA BRIDGE CLINICS are the data controllers. This means they decide how your personal data is processed and for what purposes.

Whose information does this privacy notice apply to?

This privacy notice applies to information we collect from:

- patients;
- prospective patients;
- former patients;
- people who subscribe to our newsletters;
- visitors to our website;
- job applicants and our current and former employees.

What is personal data?

Personal data Laura may hold about you includes your contact details, your GP contact details, your health history, family history and your appointment details.

How do we process your personal data?

Laura complies with obligations under the GDPR by keeping personal data up to date; by storing and destroying it securely; by not collecting or retaining excessive amounts of data; by protecting personal data from loss, misuse, unauthorised access and disclosure and by ensuring that appropriate technical measures are in place to protect personal data. Lauras use your personal data for the purposes set out below.

Sections 1 – 11 apply to patients, prospective patients, former patients and visitors to Laura’s clinics *(Laura stores and transports your records in both a paper and electronic format. Her paper format is locked in a filing cabinet at her home. Her electronic format is password protected on her mac laptop. Her clinics also store these records in an electronic format)*

1. We may use your name, address, telephone number and email address to make and rearrange appointments. And if we have your explicit consent, to send you marketing materials. She is unable to send or receive encrypted emails so you should be aware that any emails she sends or receive may not be protected in transit. She will also monitor any emails sent to us, including file attachments, for viruses or malicious software. Please be aware that you have a responsibility to ensure that any email you send us is within the bounds of the law.
2. We keep a permanent attendance register which records all appointments for patients attending her clinic to keep a record of when you were treated for tax purposes and to secure potential evidence in the event of a criminal prosecution, civil litigation, insurance claim or complaint to my regulatory body, the British Acupuncture Council.
3. We may use your date of birth to help identify patients with the same name to avoid mistakes being made as to safe and appropriate treatment, for identification purposes if referring a patient to another health practitioner, and for identification purposes if writing to a registered medical practitioner so that they correctly identify the patient.
4. We may use your presenting complaint and symptoms, any relevant medical and family health history reported by you and uses her clinical findings about your health and wellbeing for the purposes of making a full traditional diagnosis, formulating treatment strategy and treatment planning.
5. We may use your GP’s name and address in the event that we need to contact your GP including in an emergency and because it is a mandatory requirement in the British Acupuncture Code of Professional Conduct.
6. We keep a record and refers to that record of any treatment given and details of progress of your treatment, including reviews of treatment planning to enable us to: review the full traditional diagnosis, treatment strategy and planning; and to secure evidence in the event of criminal proceedings, civil litigation, an insurance claim or complaint.
7. We record and uses any information and advice that has been given, especially when referring patients to any other health professional, to help you to receive the most appropriate treatment and to secure evidence in the event of criminal proceedings, civil litigation, an insurance claim or complaint.
8. We record any decisions made in conjunction with you to help you to receive the most appropriate treatment and to secure evidence in the event of criminal proceedings, civil litigation, an insurance claim or complaint.
9. We keep accident records for any patients, visitors or staff who are involved in accidents at her clinics in accordance with UK Health and Safety legislation including the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) to comply with the

law and to secure evidence in the event of criminal proceedings, civil litigation, an insurance claim or complaint.

10. In the event of an adverse incident occurring to any of her patients we report the matter to the British Acupuncture Council and the insurance company to enable the insurance company to deal with any potential claims and to help the British Acupuncture Council to develop its safe practice guidelines, as well as providing research data and information for the BAAC's insurers and other interested parties.
11. Where relevant we keep records of the patient's consent to treatment, or the consent of their next-of-kin in order to be able to prove that the patient (and/or parent/guardian/next of kin) has given informed consent to treatment to secure evidence in the event of a civil claim, criminal prosecution, insurance claim or complaint.

Section 12- applies to those who complain about our services

12. When we receive a complaint from a person we make up a file containing the details of the complaint. This normally contains the identity of the complainant and any other individuals involved in the complaint.

We will only use the personal information collected to process the complaint and to check on the level of service we provide. We usually have to disclose the complainant's identity to whoever the complaint is about. If a complainant doesn't want information identifying him or her to be disclosed, we will try to respect that. However, it may not be possible to handle a complaint on an anonymous basis. We may need to provide personal information collected and processed in relation to complaints to the British Acupuncture Council or our insurance company.

We will keep personal information contained in complaint files in line with our retention policy. This means that information relating to a complaint will be retained for two years from closure. It will be retained in a secure environment and access to it will be restricted according to the 'need to know' principle.

Similarly, where enquiries are submitted to us we will only use the information supplied to us to deal with the enquiry and any subsequent issues and to check on the level of service we provide.

Sections 13 – 17 apply to our website users

13. When someone visits our website we use a third party service, Google Analytics, to collect standard internet log information and details of visitor behaviour patterns. We do this to find out things such as the number of visitors to the various parts of the site. This information is only processed in a way which does not identify anyone. We do not make, and do not allow Google to make, any attempt to find out the identities of those visiting our website. If we do want to collect personally identifiable information through our website, we will be up front about this. We will make it clear when we collect personal information and will explain what we intend to do with it.

14. We use website cookies to improve user experience of our website by enabling our website to 'remember' users, either for the duration of their visit - using a 'session cookie' - or for repeat visits - using a 'persistent cookie'.
15. Our website search is powered by WordPress. Search queries and results are logged anonymously to help us improve our website and search functionality. No user-specific data is collected by us or any third party.
16. We use a third party service (WordPress.com) to help maintain the security and performance of our website. To deliver this service it processes the IP addresses of visitors to our website.
17. We use a third party services to host our website including publishing our blog. This site is hosted at WP Engine, which is run by the web designers Riley & Thomas. We use a standard WP Engine to collect anonymous information about users' activity on the site, for example the number of users viewing pages on the site, to monitor and report on the effectiveness of the site and help us improve it. For more information about how WordPress processes data, please see <https://wpengine.co.uk/legal/privacy/>

Sharing your personal data

Your personal data will be treated as strictly confidential, and will be shared:

- with named third parties with your explicit consent;
- with the relevant authority such as the police or a court, if necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which we are subject e.g. a court order;
- with your doctor or the police if necessary to protect yours or another person's life;
- with the police or a local authority for the purpose of safeguarding a children or vulnerable adults; or
- with my regulatory body, the British Acupuncture Council, or my insurance company in the event of a complaint or insurance claim being brought against me; or
- my solicitor in the event of any investigation or legal proceedings being brought against me.

For further details about the situations when information about you might be shared please see the Information Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/personal-information/sharing-my-info/>

How long do we keep your personal data?

We keep your personal data for no longer than reasonably necessary.

We keep patient records for a period of 7 years in accordance with the British Acupuncture Code of Professional Conduct <https://www.acupuncture.org.uk/public-content/effective-practice/bacc-professional-codes.html> in case of any legal claims/complaints.

Data will be kept up-to-date and stored within this time. Thereafter personal data will be destroyed. On Laura's death personal data will be destroyed or passed to medical professionals at the request of the patient.

Your rights and your personal data

Unless subject to an exemption under the GDPR, you have certain rights with respect to your personal data as set out below.

- The right to request a copy of your personal data which we hold about you.
- The right to request that we correct any personal data if it is found to be inaccurate or out of date.
- The right to request your personal data is erased where it is no longer necessary for us to retain such data.
- The right to withdraw your consent to the processing at any time. This right does not apply where we are processing information using a lawful purpose other than consent.
- The right to request that we provide you with your personal data and where possible, to transmit that data directly to another data controller, (known as the right to data portability), (where applicable). This right only applies where the processing is based on consent or is necessary for the performance of a contract with you and in either case the we are processing the data by automated means.
- The right, where there is a dispute in relation to the accuracy or processing of your personal data, to request a restriction is placed on further processing.
- The right to object to the processing of personal data, (where applicable). This right only applies where processing is based on legitimate interests (or the performance of a task in the public interest/exercise of official authority); direct marketing and processing for the purposes of scientific/historical research and statistics.
- The right to be informed if your data is lost. We shall also inform the Information Commissioner's Office in accordance with the time limits in the GDPR.
- The right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office.

For further details about these rights please see the Information Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/is-my-information-being-handled-correctly/>

Further processing

If we wish to use your personal data for a new purpose, not covered by this Privacy Notice, then we will provide you with a new notice explaining this new use prior to commencing the processing and setting out the relevant purposes and processing conditions. Where and whenever necessary, we will seek your prior consent to the new processing.

Contact Details

To exercise all relevant rights, queries of complaints please in the first instance contact laura@lauraboscawen.com

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