

Liftshare Data Protection and Information Security Policy

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1. Introduction

Liftshare has clear and robust leadership from the senior management team in respect to information security. These members have specific operational responsibility for information and systems.

This document is communicated to all company personnel. Liftshare operate at a single site and all personnel receive the necessary training during their induction process to ensure they are aware of their responsibilities for information security.

Liftshare acts as the Joint Data Controller and Data Processor and as such is a registered member of the Information Commissioner's Office under number Z5010286.

2. Human Resources Security

All Liftshare staff contracts specify responsibilities regarding information security and data protection and all staff are issued with Liftshare's HR GDPR Privacy Policy.

Each member of staff is made aware of the fundamentals of information security during their induction process and during on-going job-related training. Business users are trained in how to run & access our systems correctly and the IT team ensures the use of secure passwords to help prevent unauthorised access.

Privileged admins are required to enable multi-factor authentication on devices and websites where available.

Liftshare carries out character and professional reference checks on all employees as part of the recruitment process together with identity checks and the right to work in the UK.

Starters/Movers/Leavers

Management and Director information drives are available to key members of staff only. Prior to new staff joining Liftshare, the IT department are presented with a process form outlining the access controls to be available to that candidate and this will be reviewed if or when that member of staff changes roles or leaves the organisation. A Confidentiality Clause is signed and, upon leaving the employment of Liftshare, the IT department are presented with an exit process form ensuring that access controls are removed. Key members of staff with restricted access privileges retain access control only whilst they remain in a position requiring such access.

Internal Liftshare policies include -

- BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)
- Data Security Policy
- Privacy Notices for Employees and Contractors
- Environmental Policy
- Homeworking Policy

- Corporate Social Responsibility Policy
- Physical Security Policy.

3. Physical & Environmental Security

Liftshare's web applications are hosted in a highly secure managed environment provided by Microsoft, physically located at the Azure UK South data centre. Microsoft are industry leaders in ISO certifications which help to ensure the security of Liftshare's systems through secure operational practices and procedures.



<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/trustcenter/compliance/complianceofferings>



<https://azure.microsoft.com/en-gb/blog/microsoft-azure-leads-the-industry-in-iso-certifications/>

Data loss is mitigated through highly redundant data backups performed every few minutes. Point in time restore is available up to one month and monthly backups are stored for up to two years.

Azure datacentres are also equipped with a full range of environmental and physical security systems to protect hosted equipment from unauthorised physical access, power issues, fire, or flood.



<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/security/azure-physical-security>

Development environments are restricted by IP and all development data is fully anonymous.

Liftshare's Norwich office is only accessible to members of staff and is secured with door entry systems, monitored intruder alarms & CCTV. All internal office file servers, infrastructure components and development environments are in a secure environment with access restricted to key members of staff. Internal servers are only accessible on the internal private office network.

Usage of memory sticks and other portable storage devices is prohibited by company policy, only privileged IT admins can store specific information on encrypted secure device (encryption keys, password backups, etc) and these are stored in a fireproof safe within the secured server room.

Security by Design is used throughout development. Peer code reviews are undertaken, and thorough manual tests are carried out before each major release. A development lifecycle process governs how features move from idea through development, automated testing, code review, integration testing, staging testing, release to production and review.

Liftshare uses UKAS accredited – ISO 9001:2008 (incorporating EN15713:2009) third parties for the secure deletion and destruction of physical and electronic data including erasure and destruction of hardware.

4. Personal Data Breach Reporting

Liftshare recognises a Personal Data Breach

A personal data breach means a breach of security leading to the accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of, or access to, personal data. This includes breaches that are the result of both accidental and deliberate causes. It also means that a breach is more than about losing personal data and includes, but is not limited to:

- access by an unauthorised third party
- deliberate or accidental action (or inaction) by a controller or processor
- sending personal data to an incorrect recipient
- computing devices containing personal data being lost or stolen
- alteration of personal data without permission
- loss of availability of personal data.

A personal data breach can be broadly defined as a security incident that has affected the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of personal data. In short, there will be a personal data breach whenever any personal data is lost, destroyed, corrupted, or disclosed; if someone accesses the data or passes it on without proper authorisation; or if the data is made unavailable and this unavailability has a significant negative effect on individuals.

Addressing Personal Data Breaches

On becoming aware of a breach, Liftshare will endeavour to contain it and assess the potential adverse consequences for individuals. Liftshare staff are equipped to escalate a security incident to the appropriate person within our organisation to determine whether a breach has occurred. If a breach of personal data has occurred, said breach will be addressed and the ICO notified within 72 hours if required, even if we do not have all the details yet. An investigation will be conducted to determine whether the breach was a result of human error or a systemic issue and steps put in place to ensure such a recurrence is prevented.

Reporting a Personal Data Breach

The potential detriment to individuals is the overriding consideration in deciding whether a breach of data security would be reported to the ICO. Detriment includes emotional distress as well as both physical and financial damage. Detriment includes but is not limited to:

- exposure to identity theft through the release of non-public identifiers
- information about the private aspects of a person's life becoming known to others.

The extent of detriment likely to occur is dependent on both the volume of personal data involved and the sensitivity of the data. Where there is significant actual or potential detriment because of the breach, whether because of the volume of data, its sensitivity, or a combination of the two, Liftshare will report. Where there is negligible risk that individuals would suffer significant detriment, for example because a stolen laptop is properly encrypted or the information that is the subject of the breach is publicly available information, Liftshare will not report. The volume of personal data lost / released / corrupted: Liftshare will report to the ICO where a large volume of personal data is concerned and there is a real risk of individuals suffering some harm. In relation to deciding on what constitutes a large volume of personal data, Liftshare will consider on its own merits.

In the event the Liftshare data controller is unsure whether to report, the breach will be reported. The sensitivity of the data lost / released / corrupted: Liftshare will report to the ICO where smaller amounts of personal data are involved, the release of which could cause a significant risk of individuals suffering substantial detriment, including substantial distress. This is most likely to be the case where that data is sensitive personal data as defined in section 2 of the DPA.

Serious breaches will be reported to the ICO using the DPA security breach helpline on 0303 123 1113 (open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm), selecting option 3. Alternatively, we may report in writing using the DPA security breach notification form to be sent to:

Email address: casework@ico.org.uk
or by Post: Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Information to be Reported to ICO in the Event of a Personal Data Breach:

- Liftshare organisation Details - to include the details of Liftshare's Data Controller and full contact details.
- Details of the Data Protection Breach - to include a full explanation of the incident:
 - how and when the incident happened
 - explanation for any delay in reporting
 - measures Liftshare have taken to prevent an incident of such nature occurring
 - extracts of policies and procedures considered relevant to the incident with explanation of which of these were in place at the time of the incident together with dates on which they were implemented
- Personal Data Placed at Risk – specifying if any financial or sensitive personal data has been affected together with details of the extent.
- The number of affected individuals.
- Whether the incident has been reported to the affected individuals.
- Details of potential consequences or adverse effects on the individuals.
- Whether or not any affected individuals have submitted complaints to Liftshare about the incident.

- Containment and Recovery – steps Liftshare have taken to minimise / mitigate the effect on the affected individuals; whether the data placed at risk has been recovered together with full details of such implementation; steps taken to prevent recurrence of such an incident.
- Training and Guidance – provide extracts of Data Protection Act Training and Guidance provided to all staff together with confirmation of whether this training is mandatory and whether the staff members involved in the incident had received training and when.
- Previous Contact with ICO – details of any previous reported incidents to the ICO within the past two years together with details of such an incident and the ICO reference number.
- Details of whether other international data protection authorities have been notified.
- Details of whether the police have been informed of the incident. If so, provide details and specify the force concerned.
- Details on any other regulatory bodies reported to.
- Details of any media coverage.

Informing Affected Individuals about a Personal Data Breach

In the event that Liftshare has an obligation to inform the affected individual about a Personal Data Security Breach, the following specifics will be offered without undue delay:

- Nature and details of risk
- Specific, clear advice on steps they can take to protect themselves
- Contact details for Liftshare
- Description of the consequences of the personal data breach
- Details of the measures taken, or proposed action to be taken, to deal with the personal breach and including any measures taken to mitigate any possible adverse effects.

Documentation of Breaches

All breaches are documented regardless of whether they needed to be reported or not. Documentation will include the facts relating to the breach, the effects and remedial action taken. This will form part of Liftshare's Business Continuity Plan and will be recorded as such.

Data Protection Impact Assessment

Liftshare does not process data in situations where individual's data is at substantial risk in terms of protection.

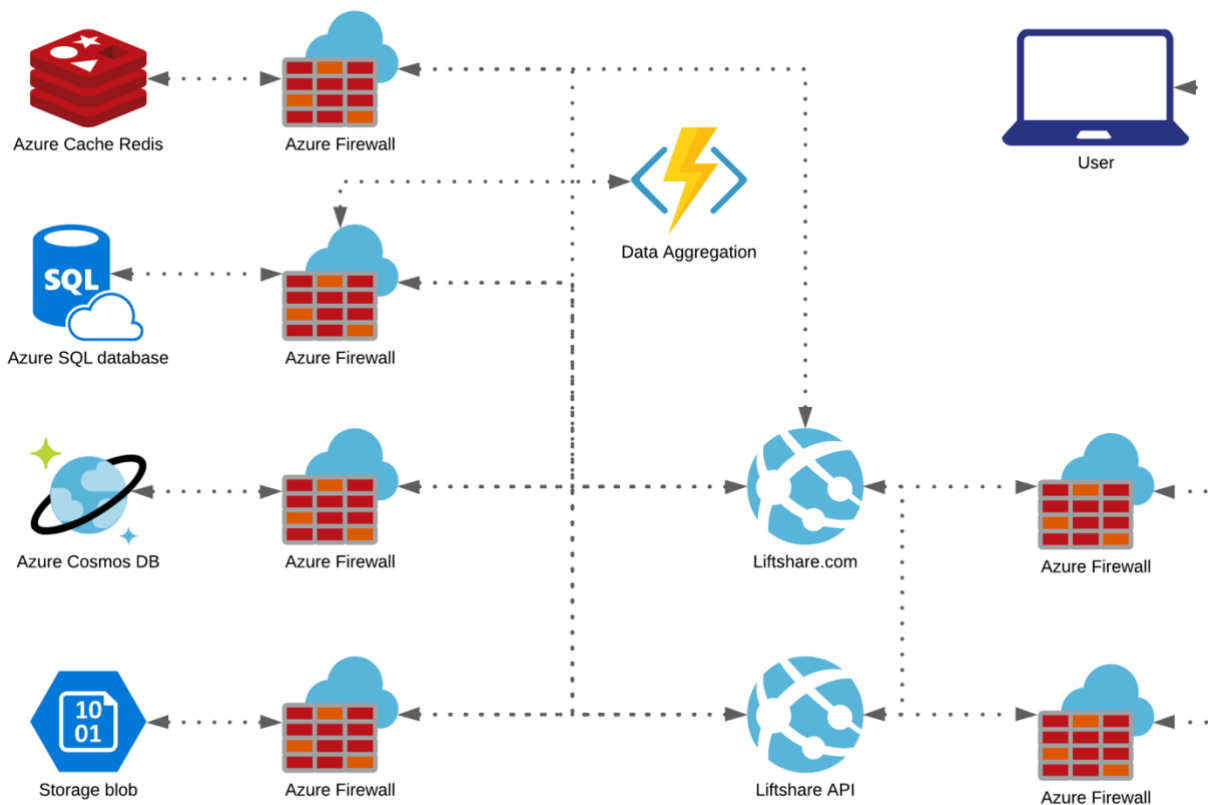
Liftshare only uses well established and well vetted technologies such as the Microsoft .NET framework and does not have any plans or intentions to use any other recent technology at this point.

Liftshare are not, and have no plans to, use profiling in a way that uses sensitive data.

Liftshare does not store or process any special category data, nor has any plans or intentions to do this.

If any of the above changes we will carry out a DPIA in accordance with GDPR. This will be completed by Liftshare’s Technical Director, Head of Product, and our Operations Director.

5. Website Topology



End-users interact with the core Liftshare system and client-specific websites via the public internet using either liftshare.com, or client-specific URLs.

TLS 1.2 encryption is used to protect all data while in transit between client browser and our servers as well as connectivity between applications and databases. All data is always encrypted at rest and in transit. Encryption keys are stored in a secure key vault and rotated at least every 90 days.

Within the web application, data is processed and stored in a SQL Server database, logically partitioned by client community. Passwords are stored as hashes using PBKDF2 with HMAC-SHA256, 128-bit salt, 256-bit subkey, and at least 10000 iterations.

SQL Injection attacks are mitigated with parameterised queries, request filtering, and separating user input from DAL. We use anti-forgery tokens on post requests to prevent XSS attacks.

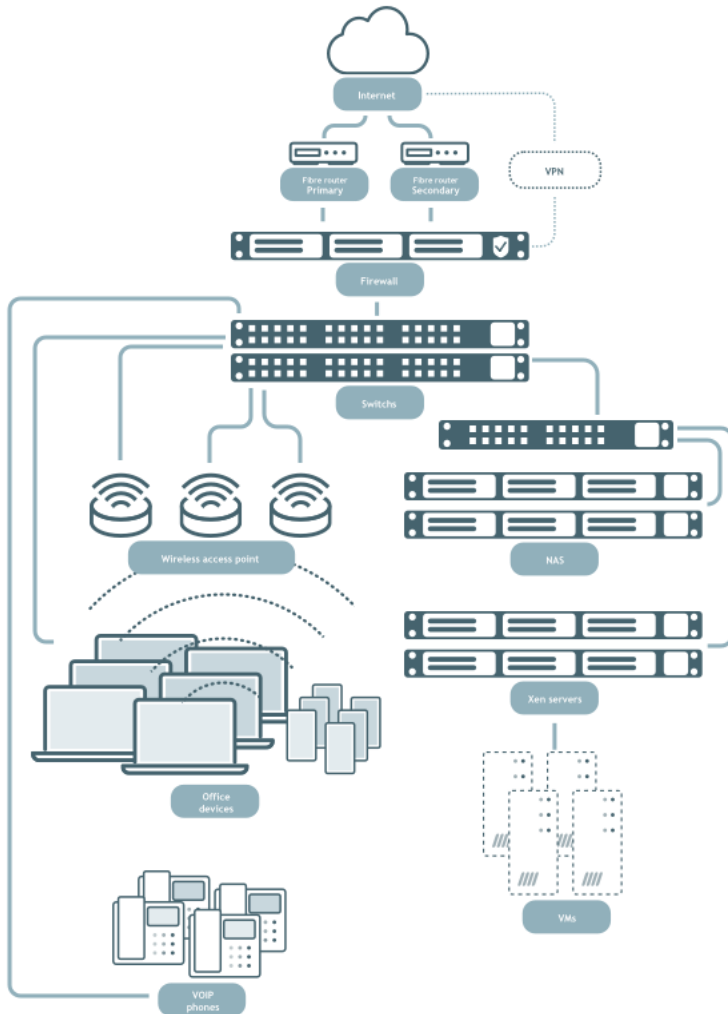
Monthly automated, authenticated penetration test of web applications and infrastructure allows us the ability to catch any new vulnerability early and quickly action any mitigation developments. These will be actioned by the team, tested, released, and then triggering vulnerability will be re-tested. Penetration test reports are provided on request.

The core Liftshare system is surfaced onto client websites by means of a white-label theming system, presenting the same underlying system to all white-label sites with client-specific branding, colours, images, and text where appropriate.

The application is supported by Google Maps Business APIs which deliver geospatial route calculation and geolocation services used from within the application tier, along with serving graphical map image tiles to client browsers.

Microsoft Azure blob storage is also used at point of delivery to serve some static elements of our application (SVG, PNG, JPG, and video files etc.) directly to client browsers for increased performance.

6. Internal Office Access Control



Liftshare implements access control across its networks, IT systems and services to provide authorised personal with only the access they require to perform their role. We have the following four roles:

- **Guest users** - Limited to Liftshare’s office guests, limited access to internet traffic.
- **Standard users** - Liftshare provides each member of staff with network access to the internal office system as well as access to our client administrative systems. All user activity on Liftshare systems is monitored and each device has limited privileges preventing any software from being installed.
- **Privileged users** - Are trusted members of IT staff who are responsible for administrating the network and external systems, these users are responsible for the day to day running of all IT services and thus have access to user account management and all essential services.
- **Network Administrators** - A higher level role with access to all systems and services used for generating accounts and high-level administrative functions such

as setting up users, systems, and services on Liftshare's networks. These users are responsible for overall network security and are accountable for any security issues.

IT Personnel are required to perform regular audits of the network infrastructure to check for common vulnerabilities and ensure devices such as routers, firewalls, servers, etc are using up to date and justified access control rules, devices and systems are up to date with firmware and security patches.

Any new acquired device that requires network access is assessed as part of installation and setup. As part of industry best practise, all default accounts are removed or changed on any new device. Any necessary ports or exceptional access requirements are evaluated and approved by a business case.

Backups of business data is stored within the office network in a centralised enterprise level NAS with multiple levels of redundancy. Data is stored on encrypted volumes and access is controlled by group policy. External access is provided to administrators only to manage backups.

Each user is bound by the Liftshare acceptable use policy (including the BOYD and Home Working Policies) present in the staff handbook which covers the use of Liftshare networks, users are also bound by both the Data Protection Act 2018 as well as The Computer Misuse Act 1990.

Company policy dictates that any passwords required to access any website, system or service is generated and stored using our Enterprise level 3rd party password management service provider. This is monitored and audited on a regular basis to ensure usage and a strong level of complexity to passwords. The top tier service provider is built on AES-256bit encryption with PBKDF2 SHA-256 and salted hashes to ensure data protection in the cloud. LastPass also operates on a hardened cloud infrastructure and passes many in-depth security reviews each year.

7. Web application access requirements

The following information is to ensure that all the necessary allowances have been made for the service to work to its full potential.

The system is delivered as a fully hosted service, accessed by your users using standard HTTP & HTTPS internet protocols with a current web browser.

Please make sure users can access the following URLs through any network level firewalls, malware scanners and spam filters:

Liftshare car share service

- liftshare.com – the main Liftshare software service domain
- *.liftshare.com – the clients branded version of the service

Mobilityways service

- dashboard.mobilityways.co.uk – the administration service domain
- app.mobilityways.co.uk – the main software service domain

All services

- *.google-analytics.com – analytical tracking, to improve the service
- *.google.com – many domains are used for Google maps and tag manager
- *.googleapis.com – many domains are used for Google maps and tag manager
- *.fontawesome.com – for icon provision
- liftshare.blob.core.windows.net – for static resources – photos, icons, etc

*The asterisk indicates a wild card character to cover all Liftshare's sub domains (e.g., scripts.liftshare.com, images.liftshare.com, e.liftshare.com etc).

In addition, if you have purchased a custom URL (Website Address) for your site please ensure that this is added to the above list of URLs.

For full use of the system, users also need to have access to an Internet email address capable of receiving emails sent from outside your organisation.

All system emails are sent from the liftshare.com domain, which should ideally be allow-listed in any anti-spam systems. We use support@liftshare.com for most transactional emails. However, member communications such as newsletters or information emails may also be sent from other @liftshare.com addresses. If possible, please allow-list *@liftshare.com rather than individual addresses.

Liftshare uses a 3rd party email delivery service called Sparkpost for outbound transmission of emails originating from the Liftshare system. Sparkpost is designated a permitted sender in the Liftshare.com SPF policy and DKIM authentication is used to indicate emails originate from us. Sparkpost use opportunistic TLS for outbound traffic, which will depend on whether the receiving SMTP servers supports TLS. Selected emails utilise Link Tracking to monitor response rates, which requires users to be able to access URLs served from our subdomains. Please ensure all subdomains are allow-listed.

All current versions of mainstream browsers are supported, and we recommend that users install the latest version of Google's Chrome, MS Edge, Firefox, or Safari, along with ensuring all current security updates are applied. We do our best to support older versions of browsers (IE11), but due to their functional limitations and security flaws we cannot guarantee that older browsers will function correctly, and we do not recommend using them.

Browsers need to allow certain cookies from Liftshare.com please review our cookie information at <https://liftshare.com/uk/other/cookieinfo>. JavaScript support is required for all our service to function correctly.

8. Incident Management

Emergency fixes are reviewed by the IT team in conjunction with our account managers and are tracked through our IT Helpdesk ticketing system. Should the fix be targeted to resolve a security issue, any security implications arising from them are escalated to the Management Team if required. There is an up-to-date emergency response process in place, which enables a fast and effective response to serious attacks.

9. Business Continuity Management

Liftshare maintains a comprehensive business continuity plan that covers the following key areas:

- defining and prioritising the critical functions of the business
- identifying the threats and the potential impacts on the business
- forming a plan to mitigate and minimise the threats we face
- detailing the agreed response to an emergency
- identify key contacts and provide useful resources during an emergency.

Through focusing on these important items, Liftshare have been able to identify and take mitigating actions against the event of a major incident or disaster, and where possible minimise the potential impacts.

Furthermore, the Liftshare disaster recovery team meet monthly to smoke-test the plans, assess any changes that might be appropriate, and ensure that we are prepared to deal with the evolving threats that we may face.

Risk Assessment and Treatment

Internal information risk analysis is carried out for critical systems and environments. The analysis determines the risk via a business impact assessment and threat and vulnerability analysis. The analysis helps to identify security controls and evaluate the costs of these and determine the limit of such controls.

The following Security measures are in place to mitigate risk

Security Metric	Monitoring Frequency	Reported to
Penetration Tests	Annually	Management Team
Security Patching	Monthly	Management Team
Infrastructure Compliance Monitoring	Quarterly	Management Team
Network Security Device Change Control	Quarterly	Management Team
Application Code Change Control	Fortnightly	Product Manger
Password standards	Quarterly	Management Team
User management	Bi-monthly	Office manager

Use of external storage devices is prohibited by company policy. Sharing of business data is controlled via limited accounts in Microsoft SharePoint and Teams and company policy.

All business data is stored in MS SharePoint document libraries, access is controlled via access to only the libraries required by their role. It is backed up from Microsoft SharePoint to our office based NAS daily, minimising the risk of any loss of data if Microsoft is either inaccessible or has multiple failures.

Employees work from Microsoft OneDrive accounts to minimise business downtime in the event of hardware failures and to allow continuous backup of critical data.

Microsoft Azure Defender is employed to protect and give advanced detection of unauthorised access, this covers all our Azure apps, servers, and storage services.

Web service data backups are encrypted and stored in Microsoft Azure storage with retention policies in place. Source code is stored in source control provided by Microsoft Azure Devops, access is only provided to our internal development team.

10. Communications and Operations Management

Liftshare have implemented processes that ensure that key staff can share knowledge with other team members to enable robust succession planning. New software features are planned and developed in a collaborative, agile manner; ensuring internal knowledge & key decisions are documented & retained within our teams.

Systems are fully scalable and designed with sufficient capacity to cope with anticipated surges in traffic. Systems are secured by using a range of inbuilt, platform & network security controls including full auditing and Microsoft Advanced Threat Protection. Microsoft Advanced Threat Protection allows us to monitor user, device, and resource behaviour, and detects anomalies right away with learning-based analytics, as well as identify and investigate suspicious user activities and advanced attacks.

Computer systems & networks are monitored to identify potential security breaches. System monitoring and scanning is carried out on known vulnerabilities by port scanning and commercially released vulnerability checkers.

Liftshare have a clearly defined IT change management and release process requiring any system changes to be tested and approved prior to being applied to the production environment. These changes are reviewed in development and staging environments to ensure they do not compromise security. Hotfixes are tested and applied in accordance with company procedures.

Patches are applied weekly on a rolling basis during off-peak hours when the user next restarts (we recommend employees restart once a week) or when Microsoft forces a restart.

All application source code is stored securely and versioned using a source-code management system.

Virus protection and anti-malware is enabled and configures to cover all laptops and servers and are kept up to date by automatic daily scheduled updates.

Business email is managed using a Microsoft's 365 Exchange cloud services this carries multiple security certifications (ISO 27001, SAS 70/SSAE 16, EU Model Clauses, HIPAA-BAA, FISMA) with automatic inbound and outbound virus/malware/spam scanning. MFA authentication is enabled for administrators, finance, and managerial accounts.

Third parties who have approved access to systems are uniquely identified and are supported by contractual agreements. Personal computers used by staff working in remote locations are tested prior to use and are bound by the Home Working Policy.

TLS encryption and IP Access Management controls are applied to web enabled applications to ensure adequate protection for data in transit. Access to web administration tools is restricted to authorised computers and Liftshare networks by IP address multi factor authentication and network access rules.

All staff are made aware of the requirement for secure disposal of confidential and sensitive information. Procedures for handling and storage of information are in place. System documentation is protected against unauthorised access by passwords.

Data is transferred between Liftshare and our clients securely using TLS encryption.

11. Acquisition, Development and Maintenance

Industry-standard TLS 1.2 encryption is used to protect the confidentiality of sensitive information during transmission of data from client browser to our servers, as well as transferring data between application and database. Passwords are never stored in plain text; we store a hash using PBKDF2 with HMAC-SHA256, 128-bit salt, 256-bit subkey, and at least 10000 iteration. Original passwords cannot be retrieved. All data is encrypted at rest.

System development activities are performed in a dedicated development environment, isolated from the production environment and only accessible from Liftshare's office network.

Liftshare encourage regular code reviews that takes place quarterly as well as on any high-risk developments.

All business requirements are categorised and then prioritised according to business needs. Prior to development work commencing, detailed project briefs are written and signed off by the appropriate Product Owner. A full range of general security and application controls are considered when designing the system under development.

Information security requirements for the system are taken into consideration when designing the system. System build activities are carried out by trained individuals and in accordance with industry best practice. Proposed changes are inspected thoroughly to identify changes that may affect security controls.

All elements of a system are tested before promotion to the production environment using automated testing, integration testing and manual testing. Tests are conducted in an isolated development environment as well as a staging environment mirroring production.

Results are documented, approved by internal users, and signed off by the Product Owner.

Liftshare sources the services of external security experts to carry out monthly automated penetration tests to ensure any potential risks with website security and hosting infrastructure are identified and resolved.

We welcome client-led penetration tests and are always happy to work with internal or 3rd party security teams to facilitate additional web application or infrastructure testing if required. Prior approval is required from Liftshare before any penetration tests are carried out.

12. Compliance

Liftshare is compliant with the General Data Protection Regulations. A policy for managing data protection/information privacy is in place and managed by the Managing Director. Liftshare complies with all legal and regulatory requirements for data protection and audit procedures. All staff are given data protection training both during their initial corporate induction and on an on-going basis.

It is a legal requirement for Liftshare and its employees to always comply with these principles in its information-handling practices. Each employee holds the following responsibilities in relation to personal information they may handle as part of their work, and the following guidelines are always complied with. Data must be:

- Processed fairly, lawfully, and not be processed unless certain conditions are met in relation to personal data and additional conditions are met in relation to sensitive personal data.
- Obtained for one or more specified and lawful purpose, and not processed in a manner incompatible with these purposes.
- Adequate, relevant, and not excessive. Only data which is needed is collected. Historic data will be checked to ensure there is a sound business reason requiring the information to be held.
- Accurate and up to date.
- Not kept for longer than is necessary. Distinct categories of data will be kept for retained for different periods of time, depending on legal, operations, statistical and financial requirements.
- Processed in accordance with the rights of the individual.

- Secure, technical and organisations measures will be taken against unauthorised or unlawful processing of personal data and against accidental loss or disposal of, or damage to, data. Data stored on portable devices such as USB memory sticks is prohibited by policy. All employees are responsible for the security of their own devices. Sensitive information held electronically will be stored confidentially by means of password protection, encryption or coding and only authorised employees have access to that data. All electronic business data is automatically backed up to mirrored file servers and off-site to protect against loss or corruption.
- Not transferred to a country or territory outside the European Economic Area unless that country ensures an adequate level of protection of the processing of personal data.
- Do not give out confidential personal information except to the data subject. It should not be given to any other unauthorised third party unless the data subject has given their explicit consent.
- Be aware that those seeking information sometimes use deception to gain access to it. Always verify the identity of the data subject and the legitimacy of the request, particularly before releasing personal information by telephone.
- No Liftshare member information should be transmitted outside the office.
- Ensure any personal data you hold is kept securely, either in a locked filing cabinet or, if computerised, it is password protected and/or encrypted.

Compliance with the Act is the responsibility of each employee and any breach could be subject to disciplinary proceedings.

Please see Table 1 (below) showing what data is collected from our members.

Liftshare may carry out research and analysis projects with the information gathered to further explore how we can improve our service and encourage the uptake of more sustainable modes of transport. Any information we do use is made anonymous and therefore no individual or organisational data will be identifiable. Passwords set by members are not stored.

Table 1: Data Collection

	Data Collected	Required	Public
Personal Information	First name, surname, password, email address, preferred contact method	Yes	No
	Year of birth	No	No
	Telephone number	No	Yes
	Member bio	No	Yes

Journey Informator	Origin and destination	Yes	Yes*
	Frequency, date, and time	Yes	Yes *
	If the journey is a private group journey	Yes	No* **
	Additional comments	No	Yes *

* Members of private groups have the option to keep their entire journey information private to only other members of their group.

** Members of the network will not be shown details of which group a member is in unless they themselves are also in the same group.

Liftshare holds Cyber Essentials certification. The Cyber Essentials scheme is aimed at highlighting security controls that will help organisations mitigate the risk to their IT systems from internet-based threats. It is administered by the UK government and helps to protect personal data in our IT systems from the most common cyber threats. As there is no solitary product that can provide complete security for a business, Cyber Essentials covers 5 areas

for keeping information secure:

- boundary firewalls and internet gateways
- secure configuration
- access control
- malware protection
- patch management and software updates.

By having certified cyber security, we have a clear picture of our organisations cyber security level and promise our customers that we have cyber security measures in place.

Microsoft’s 365 services

Operating a global cloud infrastructure creates a need to meet compliance obligations and to pass third-party audits. Auditable requirements come from government and industry mandates, internal policies, and industry best practices. Continuous compliance refers to our commitment to evolve the Office 365 controls and stay up to date with IT standards and regulations.

As a result, Office 365 has obtained independent verification, including ISO 27001, ISO 27018, and SSAE 16 audits; is able to transfer data outside of the European Union through the EU Model Clauses; is willing to sign a HIPAA Business Associate Agreement (BAA) with all customers; has received authority to operate from a U.S. federal agency under FISMA; and has disclosed security measures through the Cloud Security Alliance’s public

registry. Office 365 extends the controls implemented to meet these standards to customers who are not necessarily subject to the respective laws or controls.

Microsoft's Azure platform

Azure offers a broad set of key global and industry-specific standards and supporting materials for key regulations, including, for example, ISO/IEC 27001 and ISO/IEC 27018, FedRAMP, and SOC 1, 2, and 3 Reports. Azure also meets regional and national standards that include the EU Model Clauses, EU-U.S. Privacy Shield.

A comprehensive document library for all the Azure's security advantages.

[Azure security documentation | Microsoft Docs](#)

13. Asset Management & Data Handling

Access to critical information is restricted to authorised individuals through password protection and role-based access control. Authorised individuals are aware of their responsibility for critical information via their job descriptions and our corporate induction process. Essential information (unique identifiers, version numbers & physical locations) pertaining to hardware and software are logged by the IT team.

An asset register of all IT equipment that includes devices that can store data, are registered, and managed via an asset management register. Regular audits are conducted to ensure this register is maintained.

All Liftshare staff as part of their data protection training is required to acknowledge and sign an agreement that they have read and understood the Liftshare data security policies. As part of the briefing process there is a high emphasis on data handling and transmission as this is critical for data security.

Liftshare ensure that the transmission of personal or commercially sensitive data is not permitted without the appropriate level of encryption applied. Data must only be stored within the Liftshare infrastructure and not stored or transmitted via any other unauthorised services. This includes but is not limited to:

- USB Storage/any other portable storage devices
- unauthorised third-party services
- storing files in your laptop/desktop machine/mobile device
- on any other un-encrypted device.

Under no circumstance should personal sensitive data be printed physically, if this occurs the physical copy must be destroyed immediately via the Liftshare document disposal procedures.

Commercially sensitive data if printed physically must be stored securely in a locked cabinet and destroyed immediately once the document is no longer required via the Liftshare document disposal procedures.

Data Classification

Data classification, in the context of information security, is the classification of data based on its level of sensitivity and the impact to Liftshare, its clients and users should that data be disclosed, altered, or destroyed without authorisation. The classification of data helps determine what baseline security controls are appropriate.

In the context of Liftshare, every document generated must contain one of the following data classifications:

- Confidential Data
 - Data is classified as confidential when the disclosure, alteration or disposal of data could cause significant risk to Liftshare its clients and users. An example of confidential data includes unencrypted commercially sensitive client and user information. Any client data exports taken from Liftshare systems should be classified as confidential and be handled in line with any confidentiality agreements in place.
 - Access to confidential data is managed from inception to disposal. Access to this data will be granted only to those who require access to perform their job role. Access to this data is approved on a case-by-case basis by the network administrator who is responsible for the data.
 - Confidential data is classified as extremely sensitive and may have personal privacy considerations, be restricted by confidentiality agreements and/or by law. The negative impact on Liftshare its clients and users should this data be incorrect, improperly disclosed, or not available when needed is typically severe.
- Internal/Private Data
 - Data is classified as internal/private when the disclosure, alteration or disposal of that data could result in a moderate level of risk to Liftshare and its clients. An example of internal/private data includes commercial discussions between Liftshare/client, scheme statistics. All data that is not explicitly classified as confidential or public data should be treated as internal/private data. Reasonable levels of security controls should be applied to internal data.
 - Access to this data will be granted only to those who require access to perform their job role. Access to this data is approved on a case-by-case basis by the network administrator who is responsible for the data.
 - Internal/private data is classified as moderately sensitive. Often, internal/private data is used for decision making, and therefore it is important this information remains accurate and up to date. The risk for negative impact

on Liftshare and its clients should this information not be available when needed is typically moderate.

- Public Data
 - Data is classified as public when the disclosure, alteration or disposal of that data would result in a little to no risk to Liftshare and its clients and users. Whilst minimal or no controls are required to protect the confidentiality of public data, some degree of control is required to prevent unauthorised modification or disposal of public data.

Data Disposal

The disposal of any data is dependent upon which medium it is stored, the following table outlines the mechanisms used to deliver data disposal:

Media Type	Data Removal Methods
HDD/SSD	Pattern wiping*, disintegration/incineration**
Optical Media	Pattern wiping*, disintegration/incineration**
Paper Based	Shredding***, incineration

*Pattern wiping is the process used to erase data, using multiple patterns of data, rendering lower layers of data unreadable and non-recoverable.

**Disintegration/Incineration is the process used to physically destroy mediums used to store data after pattern wiping is performed. This involved the physical disintegration/incineration of the device. The appropriately accredited third parties are utilised to carry out this process.

***Paper Based is the process used to physically destroy paper copies that contain data. This is destroyed via shredding of the physical copies and incinerated by an appropriately accredited third party.

14. Acceptable Use and Password Policy

Access to Liftshare IT systems is controlled using User ID, passwords and/or tokens. All Usernames and passwords are to be uniquely assigned to named individuals and consequently, individuals are accountable for all actions on the Liftshare IT systems.

Individuals must not:

- allow anyone else to use their user ID/token and password on any Liftshare IT system
- leave their user accounts logged in at an unattended and unlocked computer.
- use someone else’s user ID and password to access Liftshare IT systems.
- leave their password unprotected (for example writing it down)

- attempt to access data that they are not authorised to use or access
- exceed the limits of their access authorisation
- connect any non-Liftshare authorised device to the Liftshare network or IT systems
- store Liftshare data on any non-authorised Liftshare equipment
- give or transfer Liftshare data or software to any person or organisation outside Liftshare without the authority of Liftshare.

Line managers must ensure that individuals are given clear direction on the extent and limits of their authority regarding IT systems and data.

Internet and email Conditions of Use

Use of Liftshare internet and email is intended for business use. Personal use is permitted where such use does not affect the individual's business performance, is not detrimental to Liftshare in any way, not in breach of any term and condition of employment and does not place the individual or Liftshare in breach of statutory or other legal obligations.

All individuals are accountable for their actions on the internet and email systems.

Individuals must not:

- use the internet or email for the purposes of harassment or abuse
- use profanity, obscenities, or derogatory remarks in communications
- access, download, send or receive any data (including images), which Liftshare considers offensive in any way, including sexually explicit, discriminatory, defamatory, or libellous material
- use the internet or email to make personal gains or conduct a personal business without prior consent from Liftshare
- use the email systems in a way that could affect its reliability or effectiveness, for example distributing chain letters or spam
- place any information on the Internet that relates to Liftshare, alter any information about it, or express any opinion about Liftshare, unless they are specifically authorised to do this
- forward Liftshare mail to personal email accounts.
- make official commitments through the internet or email on behalf of Liftshare unless authorised to do so
- download any software from the internet without prior approval of the Liftshare IT Department.

Working Off-site

It is accepted that equipment will be taken off-site. The following controls must be applied:

- equipment and media taken off-site must not be left unattended in public places and not left in sight in a car
- laptops must be carried as hand luggage when travelling

- information should be protected against loss or compromise when working remotely (for example at home or in public places)
- laptop encryption must be used
- particular care should be taken with the use of mobile devices such as laptops, mobile phones, smartphones, and tablets. They must be protected at least by a password or a PIN and, where available, encryption.

Mobile Storage Devices

Mobile devices such as memory sticks, CDs, DVDs, and removable hard drives are prohibited.

Telephony Equipment

Use of Liftshare telephony equipment is intended for business use. Individuals must not use Liftshare's voice facilities for sending or receiving private communications on personal matters, except in exceptional circumstances or with prior consent.

Individuals must not:

- use Liftshare's voice for conducting personal business
- make hoax or threatening calls to internal or external destinations
- accept reverse charge calls from domestic or International operators unless it is for business use.

Actions upon Termination of Contract

All Liftshare equipment and data, for example laptops and mobile devices including telephones, smartphones, must be returned to Liftshare at termination of contract.

All Liftshare data or intellectual property developed or gained during the period of employment remains the property of Liftshare and must not be retained beyond termination or reused for any other purpose.

Monitoring and Filtering

All data that is created and stored on Liftshare computers is the property of Liftshare and there is no official provision for individual data privacy, however wherever possible Liftshare will avoid opening residual personal data.

IT system logging will take place where appropriate, and investigations will be commenced where reasonable suspicion exists of a breach of this or any other policy. Liftshare has the right (under certain conditions) to monitor activity on its systems, including internet and email use, to ensure systems security and effective operation, and to protect against misuse.

This policy must be read in conjunction with:

Computer Misuse Act 1990
Data Protection Act 2018

It is your responsibility to report suspected breaches of security policy without delay to your line manager.

All breaches of information security policies will be investigated. Where investigations reveal misconduct, disciplinary action may follow in line with Liftshare disciplinary procedures.

Password policy

Liftshare staff are provided with a Password management service and account along with a physical authentication token (hardware based multi-factor authentication). It is company policy to use the service to generate and store all web-based account information. Training is provided to all new employees to ensure best practise. User data is encrypted and decrypted exclusively at the device level before being uploaded to the providers servers. Data stored in the vault is kept secret, even from the provider. Passwords must be a minimum of 12 characters and must include at least one character from any three of the four-character sets: uppercase, lowercase, numeric, and special characters.

The secondary physical authentication token adds extra security to the accounts by requiring a second login step before authorising the user.

Employees are requested to carry out an online security challenge every six month to ensure secure passwords and safeguards are always in place.

15. Privacy policy, terms of use and conditions

Please view our online policies for the latest versions

[Privacy policy \(liftshare.com\)](#)

[Members Terms of Use \(liftshare.com\)](#)

[Website Terms and Conditions \(liftshare.com\)](#)