



PRIVACY POLICY

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1. PART 1 – ABOUT THIS POLICY

1.1 Purpose

Minds in Bloom Psychology is committed to protecting the privacy of personal information we collect and hold about individuals.

Minds in Bloom Psychology complies with the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) under the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth), other privacy laws that govern how private sector health service providers like Minds in Bloom Psychology handle your personal information (including your health information), and The Australian Psychological Society's Code of Ethics (2007).

This Privacy Policy explains how Minds in Bloom Psychology manages the personal information we collect, use and disclose.

Minds in Bloom Psychology is a private psychology practice under the ownership of Emma Borthwick.

2. PART 2 – HOW MINDS IN BLOOM PSYCHOLOGY HANDLES YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

2.1 Minds in Bloom Psychology's Legal Obligations

In order to provide you with the health care services that you have requested; Minds in Bloom Psychology will need to collect and use your personal information. If you provide incomplete or inaccurate information to us or withhold personal and health information from us we may not be able to provide you with the services you are seeking.

2.2 What information does Minds in Bloom Psychology collect?

We will only collect the information needed for the particular function or activity we are carrying out.

We collect information from you that is necessary to provide you with psychology services and to manage our relationship with you. The information we collect includes:

- Your name
- Your child's name
- date of birth,
- contact details (including postal address, email address, and telephone number)
- health fund details
- Medicare details, and



- information about your health history and family history.

We require the above information to assist the psychologist in diagnosis and treatment.

2.3 How does Minds in Bloom Psychology collect personal information?

We will only collect the personal information needed for the particular function or activity we are carrying out.

We collect personal information from you that is necessary to provide you with psychology services and to manage our relationship with you. The personal information will be collected in a number of ways, including:

- in the course of conducting our services
- telephone calls and other written correspondence
- consultation with Doctors
- consultation with other allied health professionals (i.e., speech pathologists, occupational therapists, previous counsellors / psychologists).

2.4 How does Minds in Bloom Psychology collect health information?

We will usually collect your health information directly from you. Sometimes, we may need to collect information about you from a third party (such as a relative or another health service provider).

2.5 How does Minds in Bloom Psychology use your information?

Minds in Bloom Psychology uses your personal information for the purpose you have given the information to us. We will use your information to provide psychology services to you, to manage our relationship with you and to contact you in relation to matters concerning your care. We may also use your information for other purposes permitted under the Privacy Act 1988.

Who might we disclose your information to?

Clients personal information will remain confidential except when:

- It is subpoenaed by a court, or disclosure is otherwise required or authorised by law; or
- Failure to disclose the information would in the reasonable belief of Minds in Bloom Psychology Service place a client or another person at serious risk to life, health, or safety; or;
- The client's prior approval has been obtained to:
- Provide a written report to another professional or agency (e.g., GP or a lawyer) or;



- Discuss the material with another person (e.g., a parent, employer, health provider, or third-party funder)
 - We may disclose your information to these health professionals as part of the process of providing your care and to other health professionals involved in your care.
- Disclose the information in another way;
- Disclose to another professional or agency (e.g., your GP),
 - If you are accessing Minds in Bloom Psychology services through a mental health care plan, we will send a six and tenth session treatment summary letter to the referrer (i.e., your doctor).
 - Minds in Bloom Psychology will also usually send a discharge summary to the referrer (i.e., your medical practitioner) following discharge from Minds in Bloom Psychology or at other times, as required for your care.
 - If you do not wish us to provide a copy of your discharge summary to the referrer you must let us know. Also, if the referrer's details have changed please let us know.
- Disclosure of your personal information to that third party is for the purpose which is directly related to the primary purpose for which your personal information was collected

Your personal information is not disclosed to overseas recipients, unless you consent or such disclosure is otherwise required by law. Your personal information will not be used, sold, rented or disclosed for any other purpose.

In the event that unauthorised access, disclosure or loss of a client's personal information occurs, Minds in Bloom Psychology Services will activate its data breach plan and use all reasonable endeavours to minimise any risk of consequential serious harm.

Other uses and disclosures

In order to provide the best possible environment in which to treat you, we may also use or disclose your personal and health information where necessary for:

- activities such as quality assurance processes, accreditation, audits, risk and claims management, patient satisfaction surveys and staff education and training;
- invoicing, billing and account management;
- to liaise with your health fund, Medicare or the Department of Veteran's Affairs and where required provide information to your health fund, Medicare or the Department of Veteran's Affairs to verify treatment provided to you;
- the purpose of sending you standard reminders, for example for appointments and follow-up care, by text message or email to the number or address which you have provided to us.



Other uses with your consent

With your consent we may also use your information for other purposes such as including you on a marketing mail list, or research. Please note, however, that unless you provide us with your express consent for this purpose, we will not use your information in this way. We will not disclose your personal information to any individual who is outside Australia.

2.6 Access to and correction of your health information

You have a right to access the personal and health information that we hold about you. You can also request an amendment to your personal and health information should you believe that it is inaccurate. If we do not agree to change your medical record/personal information in accordance with your request, we will permit you to make a statement of the requested changes and we will enclose this with your record.

Should you wish to obtain access to or request changes to your health record you can ask for our Privacy Officer (see details below) who can give you more detailed information about Minds in Bloom Psychology's access and correction procedure.

Please note that Minds in Bloom Psychology may recover reasonable costs associated with supplying this information to you.

2.7 Data Quality

Minds in Bloom Psychology will take reasonable steps to ensure that your personal information which we may collect, use or disclose is accurate, complete and up to date.

2.8 Data Security

Minds in Bloom Psychology will take reasonable steps to protect your personal information from misuse, interference, loss, unauthorised access, modification or disclosure. We use technologies and processes such as access control procedures, network firewalls, encryption and physical security to protect your privacy.

Minds in Bloom Psychology will destroy or permanently de-identify any of your information which is in its possession or control and which is no longer needed for the purpose for which it was collected provided Minds in Bloom Psychology is not required under an Australian law or court/tribunal or otherwise to retain the information.



2.9 What to do if you have a complaint about privacy issues

If:

- (a) you have questions or comments about this Privacy Policy;
- (b) Minds in Bloom Psychology does not agree to provide you with access to your personal information; or
- (c) you have or a complaint about our information handling practices,

You can lodge a complaint with or contact our Privacy Officer on the details below. We will promptly review your complaint and provide a response to you.

2.9 How to contact us if you have a complaint about privacy issues

By letter: Privacy Officer, Minds in Bloom Psychology

By email: emma@mindsinbloompsychology.com.au

By telephone: 0423 401 610

PART 3 – HOW MINDS IN BLOOM PSYCHOLOGY HANDLES YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION WHEN YOU VISIT OUR WEBSITE

This section of our Privacy Policy explains how we handle your personal information which is collected from our website: www.mindsinbloompsychology.com.au.

This Privacy Policy applies to your use of our website and the use of any of the facilities on our website.

3.1 Collection

When you use our website, we do not attempt to identify you as an individual user and we will not collect personal information about you unless you specifically provide this to us.

Sometimes, we may collect your personal information if you choose to provide this to us via an online form or by email, for example, if you:

- submit a general enquiry via our contacts page;
- register to receive eNewsletters; or
- send a written complaint or enquiry to our Privacy Officer.



When you use our website, our Internet Service Provider (ISP) may record and log for statistical purposes the following information about your visit:

- your computer address;
- your top level name (for example, .com., .gov., .org, .au etc.);
- the date and time of your visit;
- the pages and documents you access during your visit; and
- the browser you are using.

Our web-site management agent may use statistical data collected by our ISP to evaluate the effectiveness of our web-site.

3.2 Cookies

A "cookie" is a device that allows our server to identify and interact more effectively with your computer. Cookies do not identify individual users, but they do identify your ISP and your browser type.

This website uses temporary cookies. This means that upon closing your browser, the temporary cookie assigned to you will be destroyed and no personal information is maintained which will identify you at a later date.

Personal information such as your email address is not collected unless you provide it to us. We do not disclose domain names or aggregate information to third parties other than agents who assist us with this website and who are under obligations of confidentiality. You may be able to configure your browser to accept or reject all cookies and to notify you when a cookie is used. We suggest that you refer to your browser instructions or help screens to learn more about these functions. However, please note that if you configure your browser so as not to receive any cookies, a certain level of functionality of the Minds in Bloom Psychology website and other websites may be lost.

3.3 Links to third party websites

We may create links to third party websites. We are not responsible for the content or privacy practices employed by websites that are linked from our website.

3.4 Use and disclosure

We will use any personal information collected via our website in accordance with our privacy policy.