

## **DEED OF AUTHORITY & CONSENT**

<b>THIS DEED is made on the date of signature below by (the “Client”)</b>	
Full Name:	Steven Frank Cummings
Date of Birth:	28 October 1974
Previous Names (if any):	
Current Address:	12 Upper Cullernie Court Balloch Inverness IV2 7HA
Previous Addresses (relevant to care placements):	
CHI / NHS Number (if known):	

<b>IN FAVOUR OF (the “Representative”)</b>	
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### **1. STATUS AND CONSTRUCTION**

- 1.1.** This Deed is executed as a deed and constitutes valid written authority for the purposes of:
  - 1.1.1.** UK GDPR
  - 1.1.2.** Data Protection Act 2018
  - 1.1.3.** Common law confidentiality
  - 1.1.4.** Any related statutory, regulatory or supervisory framework
- 1.2.** This Deed shall be interpreted purposively and broadly to give full effect to the Client’s intention that all personal data and Records relating to them be disclosed to the Representative, subject only to lawful statutory restriction.
- 1.3.** This Deed is intended to provide clear and comprehensive authority for disclosure of the Client’s personal data.

### **2. APPOINTMENT**

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- 2.1. The Client appoints the Representative to act fully on their behalf in connection with:
  - 2.1.1. An application to Redress Scotland;
  - 2.1.2. Any review, reconsideration or appeal;
  - 2.1.3. Evidence gathering and submission;
  - 2.1.4. Any associated advisory, compensatory or restorative process.
- 2.2. Requests made by the Representative shall be treated as made personally by the Client.

### **3. SCOPE OF AUTHORITY**

- 3.1. This Authority applies to all public and private bodies including (without limitation):
  - 3.1.1. Local Authorities and Councils
  - 3.1.2. NHS Boards and GP Practices
  - 3.1.3. Health & Social Care Partnerships
  - 3.1.4. Integration Joint Boards
  - 3.1.5. Religious bodies and orders
  - 3.1.6. Residential and foster care providers
  - 3.1.7. Education authorities and schools
  - 3.1.8. Government departments
  - 3.1.9. Archive services
  - 3.1.10. Insurers holding historical liability files
  - 3.1.11. Successor, merged or restructured public bodies
- 3.2. The Authority applies whether Records are:
  - 3.2.1. Archived, microfiche, digitised or handwritten;
  - 3.2.2. Stored off-site by contractors;
  - 3.2.3. Held by dissolved or reconstituted institutions;
  - 3.2.4. Transferred following statutory reorganisation.
- 3.3. The Client requests that records not be withheld solely on administrative grounds such as archival storage or institutional restructuring including, for example:
  - 3.3.1. The institution has closed or restructured;
  - 3.3.2. Records are archived or require manual retrieval;
  - 3.3.3. Records are held by insurers or successor bodies;
  - 3.3.4. Retrieval involves time or administrative burden.

### **4. SPECIAL CATEGORY DATA – EXPLICIT CONSENT**

- 4.1. For the purposes of Article 9 UK GDPR and Schedule 1 Data Protection Act 2018, the Client gives explicit consent to disclosure of all special category data including:
  - 4.1.1. Physical and mental health records
  - 4.1.2. Psychiatric and psychological reports
  - 4.1.3. Therapy and counselling notes
  - 4.1.4. CAMHS records
  - 4.1.5. Social work and safeguarding files
  - 4.1.6. Ethnicity or religious data where recordedThis includes all NHS and private medical providers.

This explicit consent may be withdrawn at any time by written notice.

## **5. CRIMINAL OFFENCE DATA – EXPLICIT CONSENT**

**5.1.** For the purposes of Article 10 UK GDPR and Schedule 1 Data Protection Act 2018, the Client gives explicit consent to disclosure of:

- 5.1.1.** Criminal offence data
- 5.1.2.** Police investigation material
- 5.1.3.** Child protection investigations
- 5.1.4.** Statements and intelligence logs
- 5.1.5.** Outcome decisions

including records held by:

- 5.1.6.** Police Scotland
- 5.1.7.** Any predecessor Scottish police force
- 5.1.8.** Prosecuting authorities.

## **6. THIRD-PARTY DATA AND REDACTION**

- 6.1.** The existence of third-party data shall not justify refusal to disclose the Client's personal data.
- 6.2.** Where necessary, redaction shall be limited strictly to third-party information.
- 6.3.** Mixed data shall be disclosed in redacted form rather than withheld in entirety.

## **7. PROPORTIONALITY AND REASONED DECISION-MAKING**

- 7.1.** Any refusal, limitation or redaction must:
  - 7.1.1.** Identify the specific statutory exemption relied upon;
  - 7.1.2.** Explain how that exemption applies to the particular Record;
  - 7.1.3.** Confirm why partial disclosure is not possible;
  - 7.1.4.** Be communicated in writing.
- 7.2.** Blanket refusal without statutory justification may not satisfy statutory obligations under applicable data protection legislation.
- 7.3.** Any reliance upon "disproportionate effort" must provide written reasoning demonstrating why staged disclosure or redaction is not feasible.

## **8. VALIDITY AND FORMAL REQUIREMENTS**

- 8.1.** This Deed remains valid for 24 months from execution unless withdrawn in writing.
- 8.2.** Disclosure shall not be refused because:
  - 8.2.1.** An internal template form has not been used;
  - 8.2.2.** The Authority is considered "out of date" within internal policy;
  - 8.2.3.** Additional consent is sought beyond reasonable identity verification.
- 8.3.** Any organisation acting in good faith reliance upon this Deed shall be fully discharged in making disclosure.

## **9. REGULATORY AND STATUTORY RIGHTS**


In the event of non-compliance, refusal, or unreasonable delay in responding to a lawful request made under this Deed, the Client and/or the Representative reserve the right to pursue any statutory or regulatory remedies available under applicable law.

This may include raising concerns with the relevant supervisory authority or regulator where appropriate.

Nothing in this Deed limits the Client's rights under the UK GDPR, the Data Protection Act 2018, or any other applicable statutory framework.

Withdrawal shall not invalidate disclosures already made in reliance upon this Deed.

### **EXECUTION AS A DEED**

Signed and delivered as a Deed by the Client:	
Signature	
Print Name	Steven Frank Cummings
Date	05/03/2026

Witness	
Name	James Ryan
Address	SToK, 43-59 Princes Street, Stockport, SK1 1RY
Occupation	Case Handler
Signature	James Ryan
Date	05/03/2026

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