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Request:

I would like to request the brigades official and correct procedures for a third party to give consent and SAR.

If a third party asks for the process and is willing and capable to give their full consent for their information to be shared with the person who has submitted a SAR with London Fire Brigade can you please send me the correct process the third party would have to follow as per London Fire Brigades policy/procedure to facilitate the third party giving their full consent for their information to be shared as per DPA 2018. Exactly what information and details would London Fire Brigade require a third party to provide to allow third party consent in line with SAR?

Response:

The LFB does not have a policy about the use of consent to access 'third party' information when considering data protection subject access requests.

Data protection rights are a detailed matter, and it would be hard for the LFB to maintain a full set of policies to cover this topic. Instead, the LFB rely on and use the very extensive guidance produced by the Information Commissioner. That guidance can be found here:

https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/uk-gdpr-guidance-and-resources/individual-rights/right-of-access/information-about-other-individuals/

The Data Protection Act 2018 sets out the legislative framework for data protection matters. Schedule 2 of the DPA includes the exemption for the protection of the rights of others and the circumstances in which that applies. The details of that exemption can be found here:

https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2018/12/schedule/2/paragraph/16/enacted

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request on our website.