

King County Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

CLIENT CONSENT FOR DATA COLLECTION AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION

What is the HMIS?

The HMIS is a data system that stores information about homelessness services. Bitfocus, Inc. manages the HMIS for King County. The purpose of the HMIS is to improve services that support people who are homeless to get housing, and to have better access to those services, while meeting requirements of funders such as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

What is the purpose of this form?

With this form, you can give permission to have information about you collected and shared with Partner Agencies that help King County provide housing and services. A current list of Partner Agencies is at <http://kingcounty.hmis.cc/participating-agencies/>

BY SIGNING THIS FORM, I AUTHORIZE King County and Bitfocus to share HMIS information with Partner Agencies. The HMIS information shared will be used to help me get housing and services. It will also be used to better understand and improve housing and homeless service programs. I understand that the Partner Agencies may change over time.

The information to be collected and shared includes:

- Name, birthday, gender, race, ethnicity, social security number, phone number, address
- Basic medical, mental health, substance use, and daily living information
- Housing Information
- Use of crisis services, hospitals and jail
- Employment, income, insurance and benefits information
- Services provided by Partner Agencies
- Results from assessments
- My photograph or other likeness (if included)

BY SIGNING THIS FORM, I UNDERSTAND THAT:

- King County, Bitfocus and Partner Agencies will keep my HMIS information private using strict privacy policies. I have the right to review their privacy policies.
- There is a small risk of a security breach, and someone might obtain my information and use it inappropriately.
- If I have questions about my privacy rights, my HMIS information, or am concerned that my information has been misused, I can contact my HMIS systems administrator at (206) 444-4001 x2.
- I can receive a copy of this Consent and the Client Information Sheet
- I may refuse to sign this Consent. If I refuse, I will not lose any benefits or services.
- This Consent will expire 7 years from my last HMIS recorded activity.
- I may revoke this Consent at any time in writing to:
Bitfocus, Inc.
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