# How to request access to and/or correct information in your file

You have the right to request to look at personal information held about you by Juno.

Please ask your support worker about the process. If we are unable to provide you with access we will advise why in writing.

You also have the right to correct information about you which is inaccurate.

## What to do if you think your privacy has been breached

Please discuss your concerns with your Support Worker or the Programs Manager and refer to Juno's Feedback and Complaints Brochure for more information.

## You can also contact the following agencies to seek advice:

## The Office of the Victorian Privacy Commissioner

Telephone: (03) 8619 8719 or 1300 666 444

Address: Level 11, 10-16 Queen Street, Melbourne 3000

Website: www.privacy.vic.gov.au

#### **The Health Services Commissioner**

Telephone: (03) 8601 5200 or 1800 136 066

Address: 30th Floor, 570 Bourke Street,

Melbourne 3000

Website: www.health.vic.gov.au/hsc

#### **Homelessness Advocacy Service (HAS)**

PH: Freecall 1800066256

Address: 2 Stanley St Collingwood

Website: www.chp.org.au/has.shtml



# Protecting your Right to Privacy and Confidentiality

Juno recognises privacy as a fundamental right in service delivery and ensures that client information is treated with respect and confidentiality at all times

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#### Legislation

In Victoria there are two pieces of legislation designed to protect information. These are the <u>Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014</u> which applies to the treatment of all personal information collected about you by Juno and the <u>Health Records Act 2001</u> which relates to the treatment of any health information Juno may be required to collect about you.

Part 5A: Family Violence Information Sharing Scheme 2018 relates to how your information can be shared between authorised organisations to assess and manage family violence risk and the Children, Youth and Families Act 2015 guides the actions of community services to act within the best interest of children and families.

#### **Rights**

#### Your rights include:

- The right to be fully informed about the type and amount of personal information being held about you by Juno and how it is treated.
- The right to choose to remain anonymous while receiving a service (although this may affect the service Juno can provide to you).
- The right to choose what personal information you disclose (although this may affect the service Juno can provide to you).
- The right to request access to the personal information held by Juno on your behalf and correct that information if it is inaccurate.
- Ongoing assurance that your private information will be protected from loss and misuse.

#### **Collection of Information**

Information will only be collected from you as and when it is necessary to provide you with a service.

Your personal information will be collected and stored in a secure place.

Juno workers will advise you about what will happen to your information, why it is collected, who will see it, where it will be kept and who will have access to it.

#### **Use of Information**

The information Juno collects about you will be used for the purpose/s for which it is collected or if you give your consent for your information to be used by others.

In emergency situations Juno may release personal information to others in order to assist you in receiving medical treatment or for reasons relating to your personal safety or that of your child/ren.

In some circumstances Juno is obliged by law to release information about you, including under Part 5A of the Family Violence Information Sharing Scheme.

#### Consent

#### Consent at Juno means that

- You have been informed regarding what you are consenting to;
- Consent is given freely;
- Consent is about a specific issue;
- Consent is up to date; and
- You can withdraw your consent at any time.

If you are referred from one of Juno's programs to another Juno program Juno will obtain your consent to share your information with the new support program/worker.

#### **Protecting your Information**

## Juno will protect your personal information from loss or misuse. This is done by:

- Securing your file in appropriate storage systems (both paper and computer-based files).
- Ensuing that only Juno staff have access to your file.
- Only de-identified client records will be used to evaluate our services or used for reporting purposes to government or funding bodies.
- Your file will not be transferred outside of Juno and will remain the property of Juno.

Juno will only collect sensitive information, e.g. about your cultural identity, faith beliefs, preferred language, country of birth, sexual preferences or criminal record, if it is relevant to the service being provided.