

Community Participation Terms

1. Introduction & Purpose

The Daily Round Community exists to provide a supportive, respectful, and professionally focused space for individuals connected to the healthcare and social care sectors.

The community may include:

- discussion areas,
- comments,
- anonymous submissions,
- community posts,
- surveys,
- reader stories,
- forums,
- and other forms of member participation across The Daily Round platforms.

These Community Participation Terms apply to all users, members, contributors, and participants who access or engage with community-related features operated by The Daily Round.

These terms work alongside The Daily Round Community Guidelines and other related policies. Together, they are intended to help maintain:

- a safe environment,
- respectful interaction,
- responsible participation,
- and accountability within the community.

By participating within The Daily Round Community, users agree to:

- engage respectfully and responsibly,
- comply with applicable laws and policies,
- protect confidentiality and safeguarding standards where relevant,
- and contribute in a way that supports a constructive and professional environment.

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The Daily Round aims to foster a community built on:

- support,
- safety,
- inclusion,
- professionalism,
- and responsible participation across the healthcare and social care community.

2. Eligibility & Accounts

Certain areas or features of The Daily Round Community may require users to create accounts, register details, or provide information in order to participate.

By creating or using an account, users confirm that:

- the information provided is accurate and not misleading,
- they are authorised to use the email address or details submitted,
- and they will keep account information reasonably up to date where applicable.

Users are responsible for:

- maintaining the confidentiality of account credentials,
- activity carried out through their account,
- and ensuring that access to community features is used responsibly and lawfully.

The Daily Round may introduce minimum age requirements for certain community features or participation areas where appropriate. Unless otherwise stated, community participation is intended for individuals aged 18 or over or those able to lawfully consent to participation under applicable laws.

Where applicable, The Daily Round may limit users to:

- one account per individual,
- one organisational profile,
- or other participation restrictions designed to protect the integrity and safety of the platform.

The Daily Round reserves the right to:

- suspend or remove accounts,
- request verification,

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- restrict duplicate or misleading accounts,
- or refuse access where account activity is considered inappropriate, misleading, unlawful, abusive, or inconsistent with these Community Participation Terms.

3. User Conduct & Responsibilities

Users participating within The Daily Round Community are expected to engage respectfully, responsibly, and in a manner that supports a safe and constructive environment for others.

All users must comply with:

- these Community Participation Terms,
- The Daily Round Community Guidelines,
- applicable laws and regulations,
- and any additional platform rules or moderation requirements introduced from time to time.

Users must not:

- harass, bully, intimidate, threaten, or abuse others,
- engage in discriminatory, hateful, or harmful conduct,
- impersonate another individual, organisation, or professional,
- knowingly share false, misleading, or harmful misinformation,
- post unlawful, defamatory, fraudulent, or malicious content,
- breach confidentiality obligations,
- disclose patient-identifiable information,
- share confidential workplace or safeguarding-sensitive information unlawfully,
- or engage in conduct that may place individuals or organisations at risk.

Particular care is expected in relation to:

- safeguarding matters,
- vulnerable adults or children,
- healthcare settings,
- workforce concerns,
- and sensitive professional discussions.

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Users are encouraged to:

- engage constructively,
- respect differing experiences and perspectives,
- protect privacy and confidentiality,
- and contribute in a way that supports a professional and supportive care community.

The Daily Round reserves the right to review, restrict, remove, or moderate content or participation that is considered inconsistent with these standards or the wider safety and integrity of the community.

4. Anonymous Posting & Confidentiality

The Daily Round may offer anonymous posting or confidential submission features within certain areas of the community where considered appropriate.

These features are intended to help individuals feel safer sharing:

- personal experiences,
- workplace challenges,
- wellbeing concerns,
- safeguarding-related experiences,
- leadership issues,
- or other sensitive matters connected to healthcare and social care.

Anonymous participation must not be used to:

- harass or target others,
- make knowingly false allegations,
- spread harmful misinformation,
- breach confidentiality obligations,
- or avoid accountability for unlawful or abusive conduct.

While The Daily Round may take reasonable steps to protect confidential or anonymous contributors where appropriate, anonymity cannot be guaranteed in all circumstances.

Users should understand that:

- online systems have security limitations,
- certain legal or safeguarding obligations may apply,
- and information may need to be reviewed internally for moderation, verification, safety, legal, or operational purposes.

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Users remain responsible for ensuring that anonymous submissions do not:

- unlawfully disclose confidential information,
- identify vulnerable individuals,
- breach safeguarding obligations,
- or violate applicable laws or professional duties.

The Daily Round reserves the right to:

- moderate anonymous content,
- request clarification or verification,
- remove submissions,
- restrict access to anonymous features,
- or take safeguarding or legal action where considered necessary or appropriate.

5. Safeguarding & Sensitive Information

The Daily Round Community is committed to supporting a safe and responsible environment, particularly given the sensitive nature of healthcare and social care discussions.

Users must not post or share:

- patient-identifiable information,
- confidential medical information,
- safeguarding-sensitive details,
- unlawfully disclosed personal information,
- or content that could place vulnerable individuals at risk.

This includes information relating to:

- service users,
- patients,
- vulnerable adults,
- children,
- families,
- colleagues,
- or other identifiable individuals connected to healthcare or social care settings.

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Users are expected to act responsibly and in accordance with applicable:

- safeguarding obligations,
- confidentiality duties,
- professional standards,
- and legal or regulatory requirements.

The Daily Round reserves the right to:

- remove or restrict content,
- escalate safeguarding concerns,
- report serious risks,
- contact relevant authorities or organisations where appropriate,
- or take other actions considered necessary to protect individuals or community safety.

This may apply in situations involving:

- credible safeguarding concerns,
- threats of harm,
- serious welfare risks,
- unlawful conduct,
- or content indicating risk to vulnerable individuals.

The Daily Round may also restrict or remove community participation where behaviour or content is considered inconsistent with safeguarding expectations or the safety of the wider community.

6. Moderation & Content Review

The Daily Round reserves the right to moderate, review, edit, restrict, remove, or refuse community content and participation where considered necessary or appropriate.

To help maintain a safe, respectful, and professionally appropriate environment, content submitted to the community may be:

- reviewed before publication,
- reviewed after publication,
- edited for clarity, formatting, length, safeguarding, anonymity, or legal considerations,
- restricted from public visibility,
- or removed entirely.

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Moderation decisions may take into account:

- community safety,
- safeguarding concerns,
- confidentiality obligations,
- legal or regulatory considerations,
- editorial standards,
- accuracy concerns,
- or behaviour inconsistent with these Community Participation Terms or Community Guidelines.

The Daily Round reserves the right to:

- issue warnings,
- temporarily suspend accounts or participation,
- permanently ban users,
- restrict access to features,
- remove content,
- or take other moderation actions at its discretion.

Moderation decisions may be made with or without prior notice where reasonably necessary to:

- protect users,
- maintain community standards,
- address safeguarding concerns,
- comply with legal obligations,
- or protect the integrity and reputation of the platform.

The Daily Round retains full editorial and moderation discretion regarding:

- what content is published,
- how content is displayed,
- and whether participation is considered appropriate for the community environment.

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7. Reporting Concerns

The Daily Round encourages users to report content, behaviour, or interactions that may:

- breach these Community Participation Terms,
- violate the Community Guidelines,
- create safeguarding concerns,
- involve harmful or unlawful behaviour,
- or otherwise negatively impact the safety or integrity of the community.

Concerns may be reported through:

- platform reporting tools where available,
- direct contact with the editorial or moderation team,
- or other reporting methods introduced by The Daily Round.

Reports may relate to:

- harassment or abuse,
- safeguarding concerns,
- confidentiality breaches,
- harmful misinformation,
- impersonation,
- unlawful activity,
- inappropriate anonymous posting,
- or other community safety concerns.

Reported concerns may be reviewed internally by relevant members of the moderation, editorial, operational, or safeguarding teams where appropriate.

The Daily Round reserves the right to:

- request further information,
- review relevant content or account activity,
- remove or restrict content,
- suspend participation,
- escalate concerns internally,
- or contact relevant organisations or authorities where safeguarding, legal, or serious safety concerns arise.

While The Daily Round aims to review concerns promptly and responsibly, reporting a concern does not guarantee a particular outcome or action.

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8. User-Generated Content & Licensing

Users retain ownership of content they create and submit to The Daily Round Community, subject to any third-party rights or legal obligations that may apply.

By submitting, posting, uploading, or sharing content within The Daily Round Community, users grant The Daily Round a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free licence to:

- display,
- publish,
- reproduce,
- distribute,
- moderate,
- edit,
- store,
- and use submitted content in connection with operating, promoting, developing, or managing the platform and related services.

This may include use across:

- the website,
- newsletters,
- social media,
- promotional materials,
- community features,
- editorial content,
- and other related platforms operated by The Daily Round.

Where appropriate, The Daily Round may:

- feature excerpts of community content,
- reference discussions within editorial content,
- highlight anonymised user experiences,
- or use selected submissions for community engagement or promotional purposes.

Where reasonable and appropriate, efforts may be made to preserve anonymity or remove identifying details in line with moderation, safeguarding, and editorial considerations.

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Users remain solely responsible for the content they submit and confirm that:

- they have the right to share the content,
- the content does not infringe intellectual property or privacy rights,
- and the content does not unlawfully breach confidentiality, safeguarding, or legal obligations.

The Daily Round reserves the right to remove or restrict user-generated content at its discretion in accordance with these Community Participation Terms and related policies.

9. Privacy & Data Protection

The Daily Round is committed to handling community-related information responsibly and in accordance with applicable privacy and data protection obligations.

Information relating to:

- community participation,
- moderation activities,
- account management,
- reporting processes,
- anonymous submissions,
- and related communications,

may be processed as part of operating and maintaining the community platform.

This may include information connected to:

- content submissions,
- moderation reviews,
- safeguarding concerns,
- reported behaviour,
- account activity,
- and operational or security processes.

While The Daily Round may offer anonymous participation features where appropriate, users should understand that anonymity may have limitations, including:

- internal moderation access,
- legal obligations,
- safeguarding responsibilities,

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- technical limitations,
- or situations involving serious risk or unlawful activity.

Reports, complaints, or safeguarding concerns submitted through the platform may be reviewed and handled by relevant members of the moderation, editorial, operational, safeguarding, or legal teams where appropriate.

Further information relating to how personal information is collected, processed, stored, and protected can be found within The Daily Round Privacy Policy.

10. AI & Automated Moderation

The Daily Round may use AI-assisted or automated moderation technologies to help support the safety, security, and operational management of community features and user-generated content.

These systems may assist with:

- content moderation,
- spam detection,
- harmful content identification,
- security monitoring,
- safeguarding-related flagging,
- duplicate or automated activity detection,
- and operational risk management.

Automated tools may review or scan content for indicators including:

- abusive behaviour,
- harmful misinformation,
- safeguarding concerns,
- unlawful activity,
- spam or malicious activity,
- confidentiality risks,
- or breaches of community standards and policies.

Where appropriate, moderation decisions may also involve human review, editorial oversight, or operational assessment, particularly in situations involving:

- safeguarding concerns,
- anonymous submissions,

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- serious allegations,
- account restrictions,
- or sensitive community matters.

The Daily Round recognises that automated systems may have limitations and may not always interpret context, tone, intent, or nuance accurately. For this reason, human oversight may be applied where considered appropriate or necessary.

Use of community features may therefore involve a combination of:

- automated moderation systems,
- security and detection technologies,
- and human moderation or editorial review processes.

11. Suspension & Termination

The Daily Round reserves the right to suspend, restrict, limit, or terminate access to community features, accounts, content, or participation where considered necessary or appropriate.

This may include the removal of:

- posts,
- comments,
- anonymous submissions,
- uploaded materials,
- or other user-generated content.

The Daily Round may also:

- temporarily suspend participation,
- permanently ban users,
- restrict access to specific features,
- disable accounts,
- or take other moderation or operational actions where appropriate.

Such actions may occur where users:

- breach these Community Participation Terms or Community Guidelines,
- engage in abusive, harmful, unlawful, or misleading conduct,

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- create safeguarding or confidentiality concerns,
- repeatedly disrupt the community environment,
- misuse anonymous features,
- or otherwise place individuals, organisations, or the wider community at risk.

Restrictions or removals may be implemented with or without prior notice where reasonably necessary to:

- protect community safety,
- comply with legal or safeguarding obligations,
- maintain platform integrity,
- or protect The Daily Round, its users, moderators, contributors, or operational systems.

The Daily Round retains full discretion regarding moderation, participation, suspension, and termination decisions connected to the operation and safety of the community platform.

12. Limitation of Liability

Content shared within The Daily Round Community may include user-generated opinions, experiences, commentary, discussions, or personal perspectives submitted by community members.

User-generated content does not necessarily reflect the views of The Daily Round and should not be considered endorsed, verified, or approved by the platform unless expressly stated otherwise.

While moderation and review processes may be applied where appropriate, The Daily Round does not guarantee that:

- community content will always be accurate, complete, or reliable,
- all harmful or inappropriate content will be identified immediately,
- or community interactions will always remain uninterrupted or free from disputes or disagreements.

Participation within the community and reliance upon user-generated content occurs at the user's own discretion and risk.

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, The Daily Round is not responsible for:

- user behaviour,
- interactions between community members,
- reliance placed on user-generated content,
- inaccuracies within submissions,
- emotional, reputational, or professional consequences arising from participation,
- or losses connected to use of community features or interactions.

Nothing within these terms is intended to exclude liability where such exclusion would be unlawful under applicable law.

13. Changes to Policy

The Daily Round reserves the right to update, amend, or modify these Community Participation Terms at any time where considered necessary or appropriate.

This may include changes relating to:

- community features,
- moderation processes,
- safeguarding procedures,
- legal or regulatory obligations,
- operational developments,
- technological changes,
- or evolving community standards and platform requirements.

Updated versions of these terms may be published on the website together with revised dates or notices where appropriate.

Users are encouraged to review these Community Participation Terms periodically to remain informed of any changes.

Continued participation within The Daily Round Community following updates to these terms may be considered acceptance of the revised terms where permitted by applicable law.

14. Contact Us

If you have questions, concerns, or reports relating to The Daily Round Community or these Community Participation Terms, please contact:

- editorial@dailyround.news

This may include enquiries relating to:

- moderation concerns,
- safeguarding issues,
- reporting content,
- account restrictions,
- anonymous submissions,
- or general community-related matters.