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BSTP COOKIE POLICY 2023 - 2025

The official website of the BSTP uses cookies to improve performance of the website and the user's online experience.

A cookie is a piece of information that is saved as a tiny text file to the hard drive of the specific user's computer or mobile device. It remembers information about the configuration of the user's computer or mobile device and will remember that the user has previously visited the website. This feature improves the user's website browsing experience by storing information so that the user does not have to enter this information multiple times. Cookies can also help the website to function more smoothly and be used to collect limited information about users.

A cookie typically doesn't contain personal information but other browsing details such as the domain from which the cookie has come from, a random unique identifier code, and also the lifetime (expiry) of the cookie.

Cookies may be either "persistent" or "session" cookies. A persistent cookie will remain valid and functional until its set expiry date (unless deleted by the user before the expiry date); in contrast, a session cookie will expire when the web browser is closed by the user.

COOKIES AND OTHER TECHNOLOGIES WE USE:

The BSTP website uses cookies and/or similar technologies to analyse customer behaviour, administer the website, track users' movements, and to collect information about users. This is done in order to personalise and enhance the users' experience with us.

Only the BSTP can access the cookies created by our website. The user can control cookies at the browser level of their own computer; however, choosing to disable cookies may hinder the use of certain functions.

WE USE COOKIES FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

Necessary cookies – these cookies are required for the user to be able to use some important features on the BSTP website, such as logging in. These cookies do not collect any personal information.

TEMPORARY SESSION COOKIES

Name	About
DYNSRV	DYNSRV is used by our hosting provider to help manage website traffic.
PHPSESSID	The PHPSESSID cookie is native to PHP and enables websites to store serialised state data

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HOW WE USE THIS INFORMATION:

The BSTP use the information gathered by cookies to measure information about our website usage. We can learn which pages on our site are being viewed and how many visitors are using the different sections of the website. This information helps us assess how useful the site is to our visitors and to improve the usability of the website on an ongoing basis.

We also use persistent cookies in association with registration for any of our online services. These cookies allow us to make the logging-in process easier and more secure. They will also pre-populate the user's details should the user need to complete one of our online forms.

HOW TO DISABLE COOKIES:

Any user may disable the cookies that we attach if their browser supports this function.

Please note that if a user amends their specific cookie settings, the website can still be used; however, the browsing experience may be negatively affected, and some of our online services will not be available / fully functional.

To check and update cookie settings, the browser being used (Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Edge, etc.) and the version being used need to be identified. This information is available within the 'Help' / 'About' area of the browser.

To find out how to manage cookies please refer to www.aboutcookies.org or your specific browser's help options for more information.

YOUR PRIVACY:

The privacy of our users and their online security is our highest priority: we do not collect any personal details that can identify individuals. This policy supports the BSTP's compliance with the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations.

PRIVACY AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS REGULATIONS:

[The Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations \(PECR\)](#) sit alongside the Data Protection Act and the UK GDPR. They give people specific privacy rights in relation to electronic communications, including rules on cookies (and similar technologies).

The cookie and privacy policy is available by clicking the link at the bottom of the home page of the website - <http://www.bstp.org.uk/cookie-policy/>

CHANGES TO THIS POLICY:

The BSTP Cookie Policy will be reviewed by the Council of the BSTP every two years, with the next review due by the end of September 2025.