

DBS Regional Outreach Service

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Introduction

Our Purpose:

Protecting the public by helping employers make safer recruitment decisions and by Barring individuals who pose a risk to vulnerable groups from working in certain roles.

Our vision:

Making Recruitment Safer

By being a visible, trusted and influential organisation, providing an outstanding quality of service to all our customers and partners. Where our people understand the important safeguarding contributions they make and feel proud to work here.

[DBS Business Plan 2022-23.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)



The Role of DBS

DBS is responsible for the delivery of disclosure and barring functions on behalf of Government.

We operate **disclosure** functions for England, Wales and the Islands under Part 5 of the Police Act 1997 supported by the following:

- Rehabilitation of Offenders (Exceptions Order) Act 1975
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
- Protection of Freedoms Act 2012

We also operate **barring** functions for England, Wales and Northern Ireland under the following:

- Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007
- Protection of Freedoms Act 2012

DBS Regional Outreach Service

As the West Midlands Regional Outreach Adviser, I can support you in several ways, including:

- Answering DBS-related queries and providing advice via phone/email
- Attending meetings, training and conferences, or visiting your organisation to have a face-to-face discussion
- Developing and delivering presentations, workshops, webinars or discussions to provide an overview of DBS
- Collating feedback, suggestions or comments and feeding this back into DBS
- Informing organisations and employers of their duty or power to refer
- Being available for consultation around difficult safeguarding issues that should be referred to DBS including on the “power to refer”
- Supporting information gathering initiatives.



Quiz Questions – True or False

1. I should always apply for the highest level of DBS check when I am recruiting for any role
2. Anyone who works around children or vulnerable adults is eligible for a standard or enhanced level DBS check.
3. The job I'm recruiting for does not work with children or vulnerable adults, so I cannot apply for any DBS check
4. A DBS certificate came back without any information on it – This means the DBS have said it is okay to employ them.
5. An individual could have police information on their certificate, even if they've never had a conviction for an offence
6. My new employer cannot accept my current DBS certificate because it has my previous employer's name on it.
7. A DBS check is not a legal requirement
8. DBS certificates do not have an expiry date

How to contact us

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dbsgovuk/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/DBSGovUK>

Please get in touch for bespoke support:

- Questions about DBS checks, eligibility and regulated activity
- Support with making barring referrals and the “legal duty to refer”
- Delivery of training and workshops directly to your team or network
- Support your training programmes that require DBS information
- Provide us feedback so we can improve our DBS products and services

Thank you for listening.

