



The Partnership and Engagement team

The Partnership and Engagement team at the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) work regularly with other organisations, to identify how we can collaborate and share key messages among the safeguarding community.

The Regional Outreach service, which consists of our Regional Safeguarding Outreach Officers, has recently been launched within the Partnership and Engagement team.

The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) has launched a Regional Safeguarding Outreach service, which will focus on working collaboratively with Local Authorities, organisations and networks, to develop relationships and raise awareness of DBS as a safeguarding body.

The aim is to work more closely with organisations to build and develop relationships, and to act as a single point of contact for all DBS-related enquiries within their region.

The Regional Outreach Officer will be working with organisations and networks within Yorkshire & The Humber in several ways, including:

- answering DBS-related queries and providing advice via phone/email
- attending meetings, training and conferences, or visiting organisations for 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
- helping organisations/networks to understand what level of DBS check can be applied for, and what information these checks will provide
- informing organisations and employers of their duty or power to refer

As part of the DBS Regional Outreach offer, we can provide workshops on the following subjects:

Introduction to DBS products and services – 1 hour session- appropriate for anyone who needs to know a little bit about DBS but not in great depth.

- Outlining the role of the Disclosure and Barring Service.
- Understanding DBS checks and role eligibility, including levels of check and workforce



- How “regulated activity” with children and adults is defined and what this means in practice.
- An organisation’s duties and responsibilities in regards to referring to the DBS.
- Understand the DBS barring process and the consequences of being placed on one or both barred lists.
- How to get support from DBS.

Eligibility- 90 mins- appropriate for those who need to give advice, make decisions about what levels of DBS checks should be applied for, HR staff etc

- The benefits of DBS and your organisation working together
- The different levels of DBS checks
- When an employee is eligible for a check
- What Regulated Activity is
- The DBS Update Service
- Have an understanding of what safe recruitment practices can be in place that DBS checks can form a part of.

Legal duty to refer- 90 mins- appropriate for those who are dealing with safeguarding, welfare, disciplinary, HR staff etc

- Understand the benefits of DBS and your organisation working together
- Understand the three different referral routes
- Understand when a DBS Barring referral should be made, including when the legal duty is met
- Understand what Regulated Activity is
- Understand how to make a good quality referral
- Have a clear understanding of the consequences of not making appropriate barring referrals and the consequences of being included in one or both Barred Lists

To book any of the workshops as listed, please contact your Regional Outreach Officer for Yorkshire & The Humber;

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