



# Industry Security Notice

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**Subject:** NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR DV INTERVIEWS

**Introduction:** The purpose of this Industry Security Notice (ISN) is to seek the support of Industry in dealing with the high demand for and backlog of Developed Vetting (DV) clearances facilitated by DBS - National Security Vetting (DBS-NSV).

On 22 Jul 2015 Mark Preston (Head of Defence Business Resilience, (DBR)) wrote to MOD heads explaining what was being done to address the backlog of cases that had arisen in DBS-NSV, noting that demand for DVs had “significantly exceeded previous and predicted levels”. Although DBS-NSV continue to work through the current backlog, the Head of DBR has requested that subjects and supervisors from all parts of Defence, including Defence Contractors, be ready to travel to one of 15 hub sites for interviews rather than having the Vetting Officer come to them. This change will enable the Vetting Officer to process significantly more interviews in each session and hence shorten the length of the backlog.

NSV will strive to ensure travel is kept to a minimum by selecting a hub as near as possible to the location of the interviewee, and also appreciate that subjects and supervisors may not be able to leave their business at the same time. The cost of attending the DV interview at a hub is to be borne by the employer.

**Action by Industry:** Security Controllers are requested to inform DV subjects that they will need to travel to a hub for their vetting interview. DBS-NSV will contact subjects directly to arrange interview dates, times and locations and inform them of the specific Vetting Officer point of contact details in the event of difficulties on the day of the interview.

**Validity/Expiry Date:** Until rescinded or replaced.

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