



Disclosure & Barring Service

DBS Regional Safeguarding Outreach Programme: Video transcript

This video features two of our Regional Safeguarding Outreach Officers, Jordan and Beth.

Hello, I'm Jordan Hayden. Hello, I'm Beth Dale.

We work for the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), and we're here to give you an introduction to the new Regional Safeguarding Outreach Programme.

DBS recently launched a pilot programme to focus on regionally-based outreach. The two regions we are starting with are Wales and the East Midlands, and we hope to be in the regions as much as possible.

The aim of the programme is to work closer than before with organisations in these regions. Our intention is to develop our relationship with partners in these regions, across a variety of sectors, and to help raise awareness of DBS as a safeguarding organisation.

We are available to work together to help improve any and all practices relating to safeguarding, and making recruitment safer.

The aims of this programme mean that we're happy to discuss any work that you'd like us to be involved in. The outreach worker for your region is intended to be your single point of contact for all DBS-related issues.

We are available to support you in a variety of ways. This could include working together on new guidance, policies and procedures, attending meetings and events, and developing or delivering workshops or information sessions, and we would encourage you to get in touch either by phone or email to gain clarity on anything.

Some topics that we can assist you with include how to make a good quality barring referral, when to do this, and who has a legal responsibility to inform DBS. We can also provide information about what level of DBS check you can apply for, for your staff, and what information these checks will provide.

Frequently asked questions

Some of the most common questions we've been asked include:

- who has a legal duty to refer?
- what is regulated activity?
- what level of DBS check can I apply for?
- how often should I apply for a DBS check?
- when should I make a barring referral?
- what is the harm test?

If you have any similar questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

If there's a specific topic that you would like more information on, your outreach worker can arrange for a subject matter expert to attend the meeting, or to discuss with you further.

We want to actively listen to your feedback and experiences, to establish how DBS can best work with you.

If you have any questions about this video, or about DBS, you can contact us at DBSRegionalOutreach@dbs.gov.uk so please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to us today, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.