

COVID-19 DBS Checks: Flowchart

Before applying for free-of-charge DBS checks and fast-track Barred List(s) checks, here are some key facts and prompts to inform your emergency planning risk assessment:

- About 94% of all Standard and Enhanced DBS checks have no information included on them
- Only 0.02% of Enhanced with Barred List(s) DBS checks state that the person is on a Barred List

Question 1

Does the applicant have a recent DBS check at the right level and in the right workforce? (e.g. in the last three years)

If yes, consider using this to determine their suitability for the role.

If no, go to Question 2.

Question 2

Is the applicant a member of the Update Service?

If yes, check the suitability of the applicant using the original certificate and a check of the Update Service.

If no, apply for a new DBS check. In the "Position Applied For" field, add 'COVID19' to allow DBS to identify these applications, for example: 'CHILD AND ADULT WORKFORCE COVID19'. Identify the applicant as a 'volunteer' to ensure the check is free-of-charge. Submit the application in the usual way.