

DBS: a Disclosure with content

The safeguarding officer at Canoe England / British Canoeing administers all of these. She receives all disclosure outcomes and deals with any with content in accordance with CE's current regulations, liaising with our child protection specialists as required. Under such circumstances Helen would contact Club verifier (Wendy) when the outcome of the referral was known and at this point she would be notified whether the club could or could not deploy the individual concerned.

Until May 2013 all convictions, cautions, reprimands and warnings were disclosed on CRB/DBS's, however in May 2013 an amendment to the Police Act 1997 was implemented thereby allowing certain minor offences to be removed from certificates; the process is known as filtering. The following may be of interest:

Is a conviction eligible for filtering?

If an individual was convicted for a criminal offence as an adult, the conviction will be eligible for filtering as long as all of the following criteria apply:

1. They have only one conviction
2. They did not receive a prison sentence or suspended prison sentence for the conviction
3. The conviction was not for an exempt offence
4. 11 years or more have elapsed since the conviction.

If their conviction does not meet all of the above criteria, it will not be eligible for filtering and will continue to be disclosed on a standard or enhanced DBS disclosure until they reach 100 years of age.

If they were convicted for a criminal offence as a juvenile, the conviction will be eligible for filtering as long as all of the following criteria apply:

1. They have only one conviction
2. They did not receive a prison sentence, suspended prison sentence or a detention order for the conviction
3. The conviction was not for an exempt offence
4. 5½ years or more have elapsed since the conviction

If the conviction does not meet all of the above criteria, it will not be eligible for filtering and will continue to be disclosed on the standard or enhanced DBS disclosure until they reach 100 years of age.