

Community Impact Bucks' COVID-19 Briefing #9

DBS CHECKS

Short regular briefing from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We have all seen the amazing response to the calls for volunteers - whether it is within our local communities, joining new or established groups and charities, or supporting the NHS or Council operations.

In these unprecedented times, there is a need for the quick deployment of these volunteers to fill a wide spectrum of roles across the county. To allow for this to happen, the regulations surrounding **Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)** **have been changed for volunteers** during the COVID-19 pandemic.

To help you get to the facts quickly, we have produced a comprehensive overview [Guidance on DBS checks for volunteers during COVID-19 pandemic](#) which includes FAQs for groups and for individuals, and details on eligibility for DBS checks.

Please read the full document which can be found on our website [here](#).

DBS CHECKS: COMMUNITY GROUPS

When organising a community volunteer group, please remember that DBS checks are just one tool to help you keep people safe. We advise you to check photo ID for every volunteer as well as seek at least one reference.

Also, ensure your group follows precautions such as working safely in pairs - see our training videos on [Advice for volunteers and safeguarding](#).

More information, including FAQs, can be found in our [Guidance on DBS checks for volunteers during COVID-19 pandemic](#).

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