



Football and Government Legislation – Going Forward Helen Hever

What is the 'hottest' safeguarding topic right now?

Protection of Freedom Act (PoFA)



The FA Group

Terminology changes

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CRB = Criminal Records Checks (CRC) as the general term for checks

Enhanced check = DBS Enhanced criminal records check with childrens barred list/adults barred list

DBS	Enhanced Criminal Records Check
CRB/ISA	Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)
FA CRB Unit	FA Criminal Records Body



Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

- **The Protection of Freedoms Act 2013 brought about the merger of the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) and the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA).**
- **In December 2012 the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) replaced both CRB and ISA.**



New definition of Regulated Activity

Who falls into regulated activity:-

Teaching, training, instructing, caring for or
supervising children **or**

Happens frequently (once a week or more) **or**

Happens intensively on 4 or more days in a 30 day
period or overnight



Who??

The FA, in line with current information states that the following roles **MUST be checked to meet legislation (relating to grassroots football):**

Football Coach/Manager

Assistant Coach/Manager

Referee Mentor

County Welfare Officer

Club Welfare Officer

Club designated U18 Chaperone (ie trips tours)

Referess – U18 – open age where mainly U18's is U18

Driver of a club vehicle

First Aider/ Physiotherapist

Host families if not private arrangement



Implications to cost

Paper checks will raise to £20

Online checks remain £10

To sign up for online – email fachecks@thefa.com



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Going Forward:-

It is thought that the new procedures will follow a time line. However, if you wish to plan ahead:-

Check who in your club has undertaken a CRB/DBS.

If you have someone in a specific role who does not hold a CRB/DBS get them checked now and be ahead of the game.



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