



Volunteer Centre

Dover District

Independent Safeguarding Authority Vetting and Barring Scheme

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Introduction to the Scheme

- Its core purpose is to prevent unsuitable people from working or volunteering with children and vulnerable adults.
- How? By asking everyone concerned to register with the scheme. The Register will confirm that there is no known reason why an individual should not work with children and vulnerable adults.
- But employers retain their responsibility for ensuring safe recruitment and employment practices.

Why it was brought in?

- It is one of the Government's key responses to the murders in 2002 of Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman.
- The murders focused public attention on the way we vet people who work with children.
- The resulting 'Richard Inquiry' recommended a new scheme under which everyone working with children or vulnerable adults should be checked and registered.
- This led to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (in England, Wales and Scotland)

What is it all about?

- Anyone wanting to work or volunteer with vulnerable adults or children in “regulated activity” must register with the scheme*
- Before you take on anyone in your organisation to work in “regulated activity” you MUST check that they are registered with the ISA
- *subject to them meeting frequency /intensively criteria

**Would you let “just anyone”
drive your bosses new Ferrari?**



What is regulated activity?

- Any activity which involves contact with children or vulnerable adults and is of a **specified nature** (e.g. teaching, training, care, supervision, advice, treatment or transport) and occurs frequently (once a week or more), intensively (4 times in a month) and/or overnight (0200-0600hrs).
- Any activity allowing contact with children or vulnerable adults and is in a **specified place** (e.g. schools, care homes, etc) and occurs frequently or intensively or overnight.
- Also includes fostering and childcare (regardless of how frequent) and certain defined positions of responsibility (e.g. school governor, director of social services, trustees of certain charities).

How does this affect the sports sector?

Sports specific guidance not out yet but likely to be:

- Coaches
- Club Welfare Officers
- Officials
- Most who currently have CRBs
- Self-employed coaches may join



Duty to Refer

From October 2009 all employers now have a duty to refer information if they have concerns



How do I check if my new sports volunteer is registered?

From November 2010 it will be a legal requirement



Who in your organisation needs to be registered?



Frequent Q's and A's

- Will it replace CRB checks?
- How much will it cost?
- Can someone volunteer whilst waiting for their ISA registration?
- Can I refuse to become ISA registered?
- Will parents taking children in cars to away matches need to be ISA registered?
- Will 14-18 year olds helping our club out as part of their school activities need to be registered?

Where can I get more information?

- From your NGB – but not yet!
- From the ISA – www.isa-gov.org.uk
tel 0300 123 1111
- From the CPSU – www.thecpsu.org.uk
- From the Volunteer Centre or your “Umbrella Body” for CRB checks

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