

COMMUNITY ACTION: MK

Disclosure & Barring Service

The Disclosure & Barring Service replaces the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) and Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA).

A DBS check may be needed for:

- certain jobs or volunteering, eg working with children or in healthcare
- applying to foster or adopt a child

It is always recommended that people who come into contact with children and young people, or vulnerable adults, take these checks as a part of good governance.

DBS checks can be obtained through local providers. Below are the links to some of the local DBS registered bodies.

The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) update service lets applicants keep their DBS certificates up to date online and allows employers to check a certificate online. Once you have your application form reference number you can apply for the update service. You can ask for the number when you apply for your DBS check.

Registration lasts for 1 year and costs £13 per year (payable by debit or credit card only). There's no charge if you're a volunteer.

You'll get an ID number with your registration that you need to log on to the service.

How long a DBS check is valid

A DBS check has no official expiry date. Any information included will be accurate at the time the check was carried out. It is up to an employer to decide if and when a new check is needed. Applicants and employers can use the [DBS update service](#) to keep a certificate up to date or carry out checks on a potential employee's or volunteer's certificate.

Volunteers

Checks for [eligible volunteers](#) are free of charge. This includes anyone who spends time helping people and is:

- not being paid (apart from for travel and other approved out of pocket expenses)
- not only looking after a close relative

An employer can only apply for a check if the job or role is eligible for one. They must tell the applicant why they're being checked and where they can get independent advice.

Local DBS check provider: Milton Keynes Play Association

Website: <http://www.mkpa.co.uk/about-us/disclosure-barring-service-dbs-checks/>

Call: **01908 263033**

For more information visit

<https://www.gov.uk/disclosure-barring-service-check/overview>

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