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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 3

#### BARRED LISTS

##### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C3** Sch. 3 modified (20.1.2009) by [Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 \(Transitory Provisions\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/12\)](#), arts. 1(1), **5**

### PART 3

#### SUPPLEMENTARY

##### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Sch. 3 Pt. 3 modified (7.4.2008) by [The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 \(Transitional Provisions\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/473\)](#), arts. 1(1), **4(5)**
- C2** Sch. 3 Pt. 3 modified (7.4.2008) by [The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 \(Transitional Provisions\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/473\)](#), arts. 1(1), **2(5)**

#### *Procedure*

- 13 (1) [F1DBS] must ensure that in respect of any information it receives in relation to an individual from whatever source or of whatever nature it considers whether the information is relevant to its consideration as to whether the individual should be included in each barred list.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) does not, without more, require [F1DBS] to give an individual the opportunity to make representations as to why he should not be included in a barred list.

##### Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in Sch. 3 paras. 13-21 substituted (1.12.2012) by [The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(Disclosure and Barring Service Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3006\)](#), arts. 1(1), **3(f)(vii)** (with Pt. 4)

##### Commencement Information

- I1** Sch. 3 para. 13 in force at 11.2.2008 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2007/3545](#), art. **4(a)**
- I2** Sch. 3 para. 13 in force at 12.10.2009 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2009/2611](#), art. **2**, [Sch.](#)

- 14 When an individual is included in a barred list [F1DBS] must take all reasonable steps to notify the individual of that fact.

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#### Commencement Information

- I3** Sch. 3 para. 14 in force at 11.2.2008 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2007/3545](#), **art. 4(a)**  
**I4** Sch. 3 para. 14 in force at 20.1.2009 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2009/39](#), **art. 2(1)(k)**

- 15 (1) The Secretary of State may, by regulations, make provision as to the procedure to be followed for the purposes of any decision [<sup>F1</sup>DBS] is required or authorised to take under this Schedule.
- (2) Such provision may include provision as to the time within which anything is to be done.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in Sch. 3 paras. 13-21 substituted (1.12.2012) by [The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(Disclosure and Barring Service Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3006\)](#), arts. 1(1), **3(f)(vii)** (with Pt. 4)

#### Commencement Information

- I5** Sch. 3 para. 15 in force at 11.2.2008 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2007/3545](#), **art. 4(a)**  
**I6** Sch. 3 para. 15(1)(2) in force at 31.12.2007 by [S.I. 2007/3545](#), **art. 2(k)**

### Representations

- 16 (1) A person who is, by virtue of any provision of this Schedule, given an opportunity to make representations must have the opportunity to make representations in relation to all of the information on which [<sup>F1</sup>DBS] intends to rely in taking a decision under this Schedule.
- (2) Any requirement of this Schedule to give a person an opportunity to make representations does not apply if [<sup>F1</sup>DBS] does not know and cannot reasonably ascertain the whereabouts of the person.
- (3) The opportunity to make representations does not include the opportunity to make representations that findings of fact made by a competent body were wrongly made.
- (4) Findings of fact made by a competent body are findings of fact made in proceedings before [<sup>F2</sup>the Secretary of State in the exercise of the Secretary of State's functions under section 141B of the Education Act 2002, or in proceedings before] one of the following bodies or any of its committees—
- <sup>F3</sup>(a) .....
- (b) the General Teaching Council for Wales;
- (c) the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain;
- (d) the General Medical Council;
- (e) the General Dental Council;
- (f) the General Optical Council;
- (g) the General Osteopathic Council;

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- (h) the General Chiropractic Council;
- (i) the Nursing and Midwifery Council;
- (j) [<sup>F4</sup>the Health and Care Professions Council];
- (k) the General Social Care Council;
- [<sup>F5</sup>(l) Social Care Wales]
- [<sup>F6</sup>(m) Social Work England.]

[<sup>F7</sup>(4A) The reference in sub-paragraph (4) to “any of its committees” is, in respect of Social Care Wales, to be read as if it were a reference to “any panel established under Part 8 of the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016”.]

- (5) The Secretary of State may by order amend sub-paragraph (4) by inserting a paragraph or amending or omitting a paragraph for the time being contained in the sub-paragraph.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in Sch. 3 paras. 13-21 substituted (1.12.2012) by [The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(Disclosure and Barring Service Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3006\)](#), arts. 1(1), **3(f)(vii)** (with Pt. 4)
- F2** Words in Sch. 3 para. 16(4) inserted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 82(3), **Sch. 2 para. 27(4)(a)**; S.I. 2012/924, art. 2
- F3** Sch. 3 para. 16(4)(a) omitted (1.4.2012) by virtue of [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 82(3), **Sch. 2 para. 27(4)(b)**; S.I. 2012/924, art. 2
- F4** Words in Sch. 3 para. 16(4)(j) substituted (1.8.2012) by [Health and Social Care Act 2012 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 306(4), **Sch. 15 para. 56(e)**; S.I. 2012/1319, art. 2(4)
- F5** Words in Sch. 3 para. 16(4)(l) substituted (3.4.2017) by [Regulation and Inspection of Social Care \(Wales\) Act 2016 \(anaw 2\)](#), s. 188(1), **Sch. 3 para. 55(a)**; S.I. 2017/309, art. 2(j) (with arts. 3, 4, Sch.)
- F6** Sch. 3 para. 16(4)(m) inserted (2.12.2019) by [Children and Social Work Act 2017 \(c. 16\)](#), s. 70(2), **Sch. 5 para. 35**; S.I. 2019/1436, reg. 2(s)
- F7** Sch. 3 para. 16(4A) inserted (3.4.2017) by [Regulation and Inspection of Social Care \(Wales\) Act 2016 \(anaw 2\)](#), s. 188(1), **Sch. 3 para. 55(b)**; S.I. 2017/309, art. 2(j) (with arts. 3, 4, Sch.)

#### Commencement Information

- I7** Sch. 3 para. 16 in force at 11.2.2008 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2007/3545](#), **art. 4(a)**
- I8** Sch. 3 para. 16 in force at 20.1.2009 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2009/39](#), **art. 2(1)(k)**
- I9** Sch. 3 para. 16(5) in force at 19.5.2008 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2008/1320](#), **art. 5(o)**

- 17 (1) This paragraph applies to a person who is included in a barred list (except a person included in pursuance of paragraph 1 or 7) if, before he was included in the list, [<sup>F1</sup>DBS] was unable to ascertain his whereabouts.
- (2) This paragraph also applies to such a person if—
- (a) he did not, before the end of any time prescribed for the purpose, make representations as to why he should not be included in the list, and
  - (b) [<sup>F1</sup>DBS] grants him permission to make such representations out of time.
- (3) If a person to whom this paragraph applies makes such representations after the prescribed time—
- (a) [<sup>F1</sup>DBS] must consider the representations, and
  - (b) if it thinks that it is not appropriate for the person to be included in the list concerned, it must remove him from the list.

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- (4) For the purposes of this paragraph, it is immaterial that any representations mentioned in sub-paragraph (3) relate to a time after the person was included in the list concerned.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in Sch. 3 paras. 13-21 substituted (1.12.2012) by [The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(Disclosure and Barring Service Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3006\)](#), arts. 1(1), **3(f)(vii)** (with Pt. 4)

#### Commencement Information

- I10** Sch. 3 para. 17 in force at 11.2.2008 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2007/3545](#), **art. 4(a)**  
**I11** Sch. 3 para. 17 in force at 20.1.2009 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2009/39](#), **art. 2(1)(k)**

#### Review

- 18 (1) A person who is included in a barred list may apply to [F<sup>1</sup>DBS] for a review of his inclusion.
- (2) An application for a review may be made only with the permission of [F<sup>1</sup>DBS].
- (3) A person may apply for permission only if—
- the application is made after the end of the minimum barred period, and
  - in the prescribed period ending with the time when he applies for permission, he has made no other such application.
- (4) [F<sup>1</sup>DBS] must not grant permission unless it thinks—
- that the person's circumstances have changed since he was included in the list or since he last applied for permission (as the case may be), and
  - that the change is such that permission should be granted.
- (5) On a review of a person's inclusion, if [F<sup>1</sup>DBS] is satisfied that it is no longer appropriate for him to be included in the list it must remove him from it; otherwise it must dismiss the application.
- (6) The minimum barred period is the prescribed period beginning with such of the following as may be prescribed—
- the date on which the person was first included in the list;
  - the date on which any criterion prescribed for the purposes of paragraph 1, 2, 7 or 8 is first satisfied;
  - where the person is included in the list on the grounds that he has been convicted of an offence in respect of which a custodial sentence (within the meaning of section 76 of the Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000 (c. 6) [F<sup>8</sup>or section 222 of the Sentencing Code ] was imposed, the date of his release;
  - the date on which the person made any representations as to why he should not be included in the list.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in Sch. 3 paras. 13-21 substituted (1.12.2012) by [The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(Disclosure and Barring Service Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3006\)](#), arts. 1(1), **3(f)(vii)** (with Pt. 4)

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**F8** Words in Sch. 3 para. 18(6)(c) inserted (1.12.2020) by [Sentencing Act 2020 \(c. 17\)](#), s. 416(1), [Sch. 24 para. 260](#) (with [Sch. 27](#)); [S.I. 2020/1236](#), reg. 2

**Commencement Information**

**I12** Sch. 3 para. 18 in force at 11.2.2008 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2007/3545](#), [art. 4\(a\)](#)

**I13** Sch. 3 para. 18(1)(2)(3)(a)(4)(5) in force at 20.1.2009 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2009/39](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(k\)](#)

**I14** Sch. 3 para. 18(3)(b)(6) in force at 31.12.2007 by [S.I. 2007/3545](#), [art. 2\(k\)](#)

[<sup>F9</sup>18A(1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies if a person's inclusion in a barred list is not subject to—  
(a) a review under paragraph 18, or  
(b) an application under that paragraph,  
which has not yet been determined.

(2) [<sup>F1</sup>DBS] may, at any time, review the person's inclusion in the list.

(3) On any such review, [<sup>F1</sup>DBS] may remove the person from the list if, and only if, it is satisfied that, in the light of—

- (a) information which it did not have at the time of the person's inclusion in the list,
- (b) any change of circumstances relating to the person concerned, or
- (c) any error by [<sup>F1</sup>DBS] ,

it is not appropriate for the person to be included in the list.]

**Textual Amendments**

**F1** Word in Sch. 3 paras. 13-21 substituted (1.12.2012) by [The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(Disclosure and Barring Service Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3006\)](#), arts. 1(1), [3\(f\)\(vii\)](#) (with Pt. 4)

**F9** Sch. 3 para. 18A inserted (10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157)) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\)](#), [ss. 71, 120](#) (with s. 97); [S.I. 2012/2234](#), art. 2(h)

*Information*

19 (1) [<sup>F1</sup>DBS] may require—

- (a) any person who holds records of convictions or cautions for the use of police forces generally to provide to it any relevant information relating to a person to whom any of paragraphs 1 to 5 or 7 to 11 applies [<sup>F10</sup>or appears to apply];
- (b) any person who holds such records to provide to it prescribed details of relevant matter (within the meaning of section 113A of the Police Act 1997 (c. 50)) relating to a person to whom any of those paragraphs [<sup>F11</sup>applies or appears to apply];
- (c) the [<sup>F12</sup>relevant chief officer] to provide to it any such relevant information;
- <sup>F13</sup>(d) .....

(2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(a), relevant information relating to a person is information which the person holding the records [<sup>F14</sup>reasonably believes to] be relevant in relation to the regulated activity concerned.

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- (3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(c), relevant information relating to a person is information which the [<sup>F15</sup>relevant] chief officer [<sup>F14</sup>reasonably believes to] be relevant in relation to the regulated activity concerned.
- (4) [<sup>F1</sup>DBS] must pay to the appropriate [<sup>F16</sup>local policing body] such fee as the Secretary of State thinks appropriate for information provided to IBB in accordance with sub-paragraph (1)(c).
- (5) For the purpose of deciding under this Schedule whether or not a person is included in a barred list [<sup>F1</sup>DBS] must not take account of relevant police information if the [<sup>F17</sup>relevant chief officer] thinks that it would not be in the interests of the prevention or detection of crime to disclose the information to the person.
- (6) In sub-paragraph (5) relevant police information is information <sup>F18</sup>... obtained by [<sup>F1</sup>DBS] in pursuance of sub-paragraph (1)(c) <sup>F19</sup>....
- (7) In this paragraph—  
“caution” has the same meaning as in section 126 of the Police Act 1997 (c. 50);  
<sup>F20</sup> “ the relevant chief officer ” means any chief officer of a police force who is identified by [<sup>F21</sup>DBS] for the purposes of this paragraph; ]
- <sup>F22</sup>(7A) Subsections (10) and (11) of section 113B of the Police Act 1997 apply for the purposes of the definition of “the relevant chief officer” as they apply for the purposes of that section.]
- <sup>F23</sup>(8) .....

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in Sch. 3 paras. 13-21 substituted (1.12.2012) by [The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(Disclosure and Barring Service Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3006\)](#), arts. 1(1), **3(f)(vii)** (with Pt. 4)
- F10** Words in Sch. 3 para. 19(1)(a) inserted (10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157)) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\)](#), ss. 70(1)(a)(i), 120 (with s. 97); S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(g)
- F11** Words in Sch. 3 para. 19(1)(b) substituted (10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157)) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\)](#), ss. 70(1)(a)(ii), 120 (with s. 97); S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(g)
- F12** Words in Sch. 3 para. 19(1)(c) substituted (10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157)) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\)](#), s. 120, **Sch. 9 para. 129(2)** (with s. 97); S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(aa)(xiv)
- F13** Sch. 3 para. 19(1)(d) repealed (10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157)) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\)](#), ss. 70(1)(a)(iii), 120, **Sch. 10 Pt. 5** (with s. 97); S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(g)(bb)
- F14** Words in Sch. 3 para. 19(2)(3) substituted (10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157)) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\)](#), ss. **70(1)(b)**, 120 (with s. 97); S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(g)
- F15** Word in Sch. 3 para. 19(3) inserted (10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157)) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\)](#), s. 120, **Sch. 9 para. 129(3)** (with s. 97); S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(aa)(xiv)



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- F16** Words in Sch. 3 para. 19(4) substituted (16.1.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\), s. 157\(1\), Sch. 16 para. 361](#); S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1
- F17** Words in Sch. 3 para. 19(5) substituted (10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157)) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\), s. 120, Sch. 9 para. 129\(4\)](#) (with s. 97); S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(aa)(xiv)
- F18** Words in Sch. 3 para. 19(6) repealed (10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157)) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\), ss. 70\(1\)\(c\)\(i\), 120, Sch. 10 Pt. 5](#) (with s. 97); S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(g)(bb)
- F19** Words in Sch. 3 para. 19(6) repealed (10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157)) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\), ss. 70\(1\)\(c\)\(ii\), 120, Sch. 10 Pt. 5](#) (with s. 97); S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(g)(bb)
- F20** Definition in Sch. 3 para. 19(7) substituted (10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157)) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\), s. 120, Sch. 9 para. 129\(5\)](#) (with s. 97); S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(aa)(xiv)
- F21** Word in Sch. 3 para. 19(7) substituted (1.12.2012) by [The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(Disclosure and Barring Service Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3006\), arts. 1\(1\), 48\(i\)](#) (with Pt. 4)
- F22** Sch. 3 para. 19(7A) inserted (10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157)) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\), s. 120, Sch. 9 para. 129\(6\)](#) (with s. 97); S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(aa)(xiv)
- F23** Sch. 3 para. 19(8) omitted (1.12.2012) by virtue of [The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(Disclosure and Barring Service Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3006\), arts. 1\(1\), 60](#) (with Pt. 4)

#### Commencement Information

- I15** Sch. 3 para. 19 in force at 11.2.2008 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2007/3545, art. 4\(a\)](#)
- I16** Sch. 3 para. 19 in force at 20.1.2009 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2009/39, art. 2\(1\)\(k\)](#)
- I17** Sch. 3 para. 19(1)(b) in force at 19.5.2008 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2008/1320, art. 4\(v\)](#)

- 20 (1) The Secretary of State may provide to <sup>F1</sup>[DBS] any information relating to a person which is held by him in connection with his functions under—
- (a) the Protection of Children Act 1999 (c. 14), except section 9 (the Tribunal);
  - (b) Part 7 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c. 14);
  - (c) sections 142 to 144 of the Education Act 2002 (c. 32).

<sup>F24</sup>(2) .....

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in Sch. 3 paras. 13-21 substituted (1.12.2012) by [The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(Disclosure and Barring Service Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3006\), arts. 1\(1\), 3\(f\)\(vii\)](#) (with Pt. 4)
- F24** Sch. 3 para. 20(2) omitted (1.12.2012) by virtue of [The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(Disclosure and Barring Service Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3006\), arts. 1\(1\), 61](#) (with Pt. 4)

#### Commencement Information

- I18** Sch. 3 para. 20 in force at 11.2.2008 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2007/3545, art. 4\(a\)](#)
- I19** Sch. 3 para. 20 in force at 20.1.2009 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2009/39, art. 2\(1\)\(k\)](#)

- 21 <sup>F1</sup>[DBS] must provide the Secretary of State with the prescribed information relating to a person if—

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- (a) it includes that person in a barred list;
- (b) it is considering whether to include him in a barred list;
- (c) it thinks that any of the criteria prescribed for the purposes of paragraph 1, 2, 7 or 8 is satisfied in relation to him and that the Secretary of State does not already have the information.

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Word in Sch. 3 paras. 13-21 substituted (1.12.2012) by [The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(Disclosure and Barring Service Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3006\)](#), arts. 1(1), [3\(f\)\(vii\)](#) (with Pt. 4)

#### Commencement Information

**I20** Sch. 3 para. 21 in force at 11.2.2008 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2007/3545](#), [art. 4\(a\)](#)  
**I21** Sch. 3 para. 21 in force at 19.5.2008 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2008/1320](#), [art. 4\(v\)](#)  
**I22** Sch. 3 para. 21(a) in force at 12.10.2009 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2009/2611](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#)

22 <sup>[F25]</sup>DBS] must inform the Scottish Ministers if a person is included in a barred list.

#### Textual Amendments

**F25** Word in [Sch. 3 para. 22](#) substituted (1.12.2012) by [The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(Disclosure and Barring Service Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3006\)](#), arts. 1(1), [48\(i\)](#) (with Pt. 4)

#### Commencement Information

**I23** Sch. 3 para. 22 in force at 11.2.2008 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2007/3545](#), [art. 4\(a\)](#)  
**I24** Sch. 3 para. 22 in force at 20.1.2009 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2009/39](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(k\)](#)

<sup>[F26]</sup>22A. <sup>[F27]</sup>DBS] may provide the Scottish Ministers with such information as it thinks may be relevant to the exercise by the Scottish Ministers of their functions under Parts 1 and 2 of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 ([asp 14](#)).]

#### Textual Amendments

**F26** Sch. 3 para. 22A inserted (1.3.2011) by [The Protection of Vulnerable Groups \(Scotland\) Act 2007 \(Consequential Modifications\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/565\)](#), arts. 1, [2](#)  
**F27** Word in [Sch. 3 para. 22A](#) substituted (1.12.2012) by [The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(Disclosure and Barring Service Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3006\)](#), arts. 1(1), [3\(f\)\(viii\)](#) (with Pt. 4)

23 <sup>[F28]</sup>DBS] may, at the request of the Welsh Ministers, provide them with such information relating to the exercise of its functions as it thinks may be relevant to the exercise by the Welsh Ministers of any of their functions.

#### Textual Amendments

**F28** Word in [Sch. 3 para. 23](#) substituted (1.12.2012) by [The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(Disclosure and Barring Service Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3006\)](#), arts. 1(1), [3\(f\)\(viii\)](#) (with Pt. 4)

#### Commencement Information

**I25** Sch. 3 para. 23 in force at 11.2.2008 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2007/3545](#), [art. 4\(a\)](#)  
**I26** Sch. 3 para. 23 in force at 20.1.2009 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2009/39](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(k\)](#)



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*Prescribed criteria*

- 24 (1) The criteria which may be prescribed for the purposes of paragraphs 1, 2, 7 and 8 are—
- (a) that a person has been convicted of, or cautioned in relation to, an offence of a specified description;
  - (b) that an order of a specified description requiring the person to do or not to do anything has been made against him;
  - (c) that a person is included in a specified list maintained for the purposes of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom;
  - (d) that an order or direction of a specified description requiring the person to do or not to do anything has been made against him for the purposes of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom.
- (2) The power to specify offences for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) includes power to specify offences under—
- [<sup>F29</sup>(a) the law of a country or territory outside England and Wales;]
  - (b) section 70 of the Army Act 1955 (3 & 4 Eliz. 2 c. 18);
  - (c) section 70 of the Air Force Act 1955 (3 & 4 Eliz. 2 c. 19);
  - (d) section 42 of the Naval Discipline Act 1957 (c. 53);
  - (e) section 42 of the Armed Forces Act 2006 (c. 52).
- (3) The Secretary of State may specify a list for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(c) only if he thinks that inclusion in the list has a corresponding or similar effect to inclusion in a barred list.
- (4) For the purposes of determining whether any of the criteria is satisfied in relation to a person, ignore—
- (a) any offence committed before he attained the age of 18;
  - (b) any order or direction made before that time.
- (5) The criteria which may be prescribed for the purposes of paragraph 1 or 2 must not consist only of circumstances in which the person has committed an offence against a child before the commencement of section 2 if the court, having considered whether to make a disqualification order, decided not to.
- (6) In sub-paragraph (5)—
- (a) the reference to an offence committed against a child must be construed in accordance with Part 2 of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 (c. 43);
  - (b) a disqualification order is an order under section 28, 29 or 29A of that Act.
- (7) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (4) an offence committed over a period of time must be treated as committed on the last day of the period.
- <sup>F30</sup>(8) .....
- <sup>F30</sup>(9) .....
- [<sup>F31</sup>(10) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (2)(a) in its application to an offence committed outside the British Islands the Secretary of State must not specify the offence unless—

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- (a) the conduct which constitutes the offence would, if carried out in England and Wales, amount to an offence under the law of England and Wales (the equivalent offence), and
- (b) the equivalent offence is also specified for the purposes of paragraph 1, 2, 7 or 8 (as the case may be).]

#### Textual Amendments

- F29** Sch. 3 para. 24(2)(a) substituted (13.11.2008) by [The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 \(Prescribed Criteria\) \(Foreign Offences\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/3050\)](#), arts. 1(1), **2(2)**
- F30** Sch. 3 para. 24(8)(9) repealed (10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157)) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\)](#), s. 120, Sch. 9 para. 72(2), **Sch. 10 Pt. 5** (with s. 97); S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(aa)(bb)(iv)
- F31** Sch. 3 para. 24(10) inserted (13.11.2008) by [The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 \(Prescribed Criteria\) \(Foreign Offences\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/3050\)](#), arts. 1(1), **2(3)**

#### Commencement Information

- I27** Sch. 3 para. 24 in force at 11.2.2008 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2007/3545](#), art. 4(a)
- I28** Sch. 3 para. 24(1)(2)(9) in force at 31.12.2007 by [S.I. 2007/3545](#), art. 2(k)
- I29** Sch. 3 para. 24(3)-(7) in force at 20.1.2009 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2009/39](#), art. 2(1)(k)

25<sup>[F32]</sup>(1) A court by or before which a person is convicted of an offence of a description specified for the purposes of paragraph 24(1)(a), or which makes an order of a description specified for the purposes of paragraph 24(1)(b), must inform the person at the time he is convicted or the order is made that <sup>[F33]</sup>DBS] will <sup>[F34]</sup>or (as the case may be) may] include him in the barred list concerned.

<sup>[F35]</sup>(2) This paragraph does not apply to convictions by or before a court in a country or territory outside England and Wales.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F32** Sch. 3 para. 25(1): Sch. 3 para. 25 renumbered as Sch. 3 para. 25(1) (13.11.2008) by [The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 \(Prescribed Criteria\) \(Foreign Offences\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/3050\)](#), arts. 1(1), **3(2)**
- F33** Word in Sch. 3 para. 25 substituted (1.12.2012) by [The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(Disclosure and Barring Service Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3006\)](#), arts. 1(1), **3(f)(ix)** (with Pt. 4)
- F34** Words in Sch. 3 para. 25(1) inserted (10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157)) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\)](#), s. 120, **Sch. 9 para. 72(3)** (with s. 97); S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(aa)(iv)
- F35** Sch. 3 para. 25(2) inserted (13.11.2008) by [The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 \(Prescribed Criteria\) \(Foreign Offences\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/3050\)](#), arts. 1(1), **3(3)**

#### Commencement Information

- I30** Sch. 3 para. 25 in force at 11.2.2008 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2007/3545](#), art. 4(a)
- I31** Sch. 3 para. 25 in force at 20.1.2009 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2009/39](#), art. 2(1)(k)

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 6(8A)(8B) inserted by [2008 c. 14 Sch. 14 para. 8](#)
- s. 6(8A) word omitted by [S.I. 2016/413 reg. 253\(a\)\(i\)](#) (This amendment comes into force on the day that the amendment to s. 6 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (c. 47) made by para. 8 of Sch. 14 to the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14) comes into force)
- s. 6(8A) words inserted by [S.I. 2016/413 reg. 253\(a\)\(ii\)](#) (This amendment comes into force on the day that the amendment to s. 6 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (c. 47) made by para. 8 of Sch. 14 to the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14) comes into force)
- s. 13(1A) inserted by [2009 c. 26 s. 82\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 82-87 repealed (10.9.2012) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, s. 120, Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(bb))
- s. 13(3A) inserted by [2009 c. 26 s. 82\(4\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 82-87 repealed (10.9.2012) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, s. 120, Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(bb))
- s. 13(6) inserted by [2009 c. 26 s. 82\(6\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 82-87 repealed (10.9.2012) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, s. 120, Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(bb))
- s. 13(11) substituted by [2009 c. 26 s. 82\(7\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 82-87 repealed (10.9.2012) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, s. 120, Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(bb))
- s. 30(2)(aa)(ab) inserted by [2009 c. 26 s. 85\(2\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 82-87 repealed (10.9.2012) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, s. 120, Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(bb))
- s. 30(6A)(6B) inserted by [2009 c. 26 s. 85\(6\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 82-87 repealed (10.9.2012) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, s. 120, Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(bb))
- s. 30A30B substituted for s. 30-32 by [2012 c. 9 s. 72\(1\)](#)
- s. 32(3)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 26 s. 86\(2\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 82-87 repealed (10.9.2012) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, s. 120, Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(bb))
- s. 33(3A)-(3D) inserted by [2012 c. 9 s. 72\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 34A-34C inserted by [2009 c. 26 s. 87\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 82-87 repealed (10.9.2012) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, s. 120, Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(bb))
- s. 34ZA inserted by [2012 c. 9 s. 73](#)
- s. 41(4A)-(4C) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 5 para. 9\(2\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. It comes into force on the coming into force of s. 44(1) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (c. 47). S. 44(1) was repealed without ever being in force on 10.9.2012 by 2012 c. 9, s. 75(6), Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2)
- s. 48(2A) inserted by [2012 c. 9 s. 76\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 49(2A) inserted by [2012 c. 9 s. 76\(4\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 56(3)(fa) inserted by [2012 c. 9 Sch. 9 para. 68\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 5A inserted by [2012 c. 9 s. 74\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 11A inserted by [2012 c. 9 s. 74\(3\)](#)

– Sch. 4 para. 1(9B)(ia) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 21\(2\)](#)