



Article for Community Links Bromley

### **DBS Checks and Volunteering**

Charity and voluntary organisations may choose to carry out DBS checks for their employees and volunteers, especially for those who work with children and vulnerable adults. DBS checks allow organisations to make suitability decisions and there are four levels of DBS check: Basic, Standard, Enhanced and Enhanced with Barred Lists DBS check.

The information contained on each level of DBS certificate is different, and roles will have to meet a criteria to be eligible for a particular level of check (except for Basic DBS check where there is no legislative criteria). For more information on this, please see [DBS eligibility guidance - GOV.UK](#).

Volunteers do not pay for Standard, Enhanced, or Enhanced with Barred Lists DBS checks, however the checks are processed in the same way as for a paid position. For more information about DBS checks for volunteers, please see [DBS check application process for volunteers - GOV.UK](#)

After the certificate has been received, the applicant can choose to subscribe to the [Update Service](#), which is a tool for employers to check whether new information has been added to the certificate since it was issued. The Update Service is free for volunteers and all subscribed volunteers will receive an annual email to confirm if they want to continue with their subscription.

For further information about DBS, please get in touch with Kiran Rehal, your Regional Outreach Advisor (Greater London) at [Kiranpreet.Rehal@dbs.gov.uk](mailto:Kiranpreet.Rehal@dbs.gov.uk).