APPLICANT GUIDANCE NOTES

An online DBS check can be completed by accessing the internet from any PC/Laptop that has this facility. If you do not own your own computer you can go to any internet café or local library. Please be aware that you must complete your application form in full as part completed applications form cannot be saved.

LOGGING ONTO THE SYSTEM

Please enter the following address in the web browser:

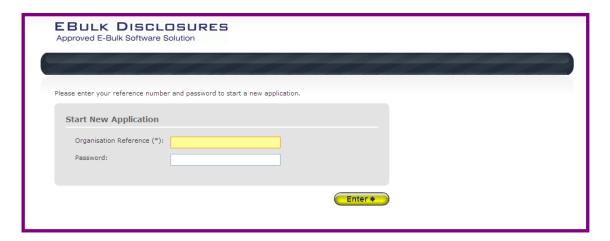
https://disclosure.capitarvs.co.uk/stoke

Please ensure that you can see 'STOKE ON TRENT COUNCIL' in the top left hand corner.

If you are **not** taken directly to the 'Start New Application' page, please click on 'Start Application' in the orange box entitled 'DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SERVICE (DBS) APPLICATION' to enter the system and start your application.

Please note at this stage of the process your login details are case sensitive.

- 1. Enter the Organisation Reference that has been supplied to you by the company that you will be/are working for.
- 2. You **DO NOT** need to enter a Password



Once you have completed this section click 'Enter'.

STATEMENT OF FAIR PROCESSING

You will now be taken to the 'Staffordshire County Council Statement of Fair Processing' outlining our terms and conditions. Please read the statement and tick the box to confirm this has been read and agreed to.



CRVS Statement of Fair Processing

By accessing this website and providing Capita Recruitment Vetting Service (CRVS) with your personal details, you agree to accept and be bound by the terms of the CRVS statement of fair processing which is summarised below.

Using the IT specification supplied by the DBS Capita Recruitment Vetting Service has produced an online disclosure system, e Bulk, which is an alternative to the standard paper forms, therefore allowing you to complete your application at any location with internet

Our online service is committed to protecting the privacy of our users. When you supply any personal information to this site we have legal obligations towards you in the way we deal with your data as follows:

- We will hold your personal information on our systems for as long as needed to meet the service you have requested, and remove it in the event that the purpose has been met.
- 2. We will ensure that all personal information supplied is held securely, in accordance with
- 3. We will provide a safe and secure experience for users of this site.
 4. We will ensure that the information you submit to us remains private, and is only used for
- the purposes set out below.

- Your personal information is only processed with your knowledge.

- Only information that we actually need is collected and processed.

 Your personal information is only seen by those who need it to do their jobs.

 Personal information is retained only for as long as it is required.

 Decisions affecting you are made on the basis of reliable and up to date information.

 Your information is protected from unauthorised or accidental disclosure.

 Inaccurate or misleading data will be corrected as soon as possible.
- Procedures are in place for dealing promptly with any dispute.

All information requested is used solely for the purpose of producing a Disclosure and Barring Service certificate and is collected, stored and processed by CRVS and the Disclosure and Barring Service in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. We will treat your personal information as confidential and we will not disclose it to any third party except: (i) with your prior agreement; (ii) as necessary for providing our e-bulk online disclosure service to you; or (iii) as required by law.

Any organisation which uses the CRVS e-Bulk online disclosure service is obliged to sign a service contract requiring them to:

- Abide by the Data Protection Act 1998
 Have a policy for secure storage, handling, use, retention and disposal of Disclosures and Disclosure Information

The CRVS e-Bulk solution is hosted within an ISO27001, Capita owned data centre and all components of the service are protected by intrusion detection and intrusion prevention devices. Completed applications are fully encrypted and securely transferred to Disclosure and Barring Service using the e-Bulk Interface.

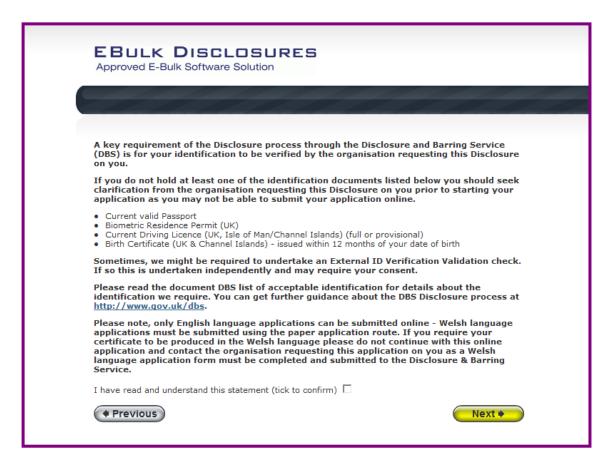
I have read and understand this statement (tick to confirm)

Next **♦**

Once you have ticked the consent box please click 'Next'

APPLICATION PRE-ENTRY STATEMENT

You will now see the application pre-entry statement; this gives concise information in regards to the requirements by the DBS regarding acceptable identification in support of your DBS application.



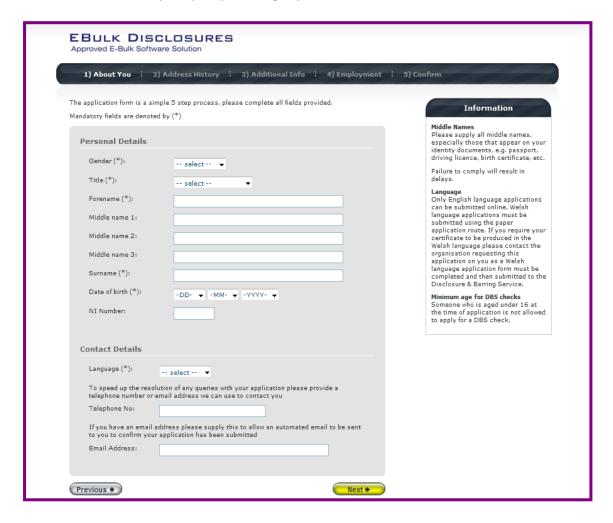
- The application form is a simple 5 step process. Please complete all fields.
- Mandatory fields are denoted by (*)

Mistakes on the application form will cause delays in processing and may result in an invalid disclosure application.

SECTION 1 – ABOUT YOU

Please enter your personal details.

If you have any middle name(s) ensure that you enter these details, particularly those that appear on your identity documents, e.g. passport, driving licence, birth certificate, etc. Any missing information from this or any other section can severely delay the processing of your criminal record check.



Once you have completed this section click 'Next'.

SECTION 2 - ADDRESS HISTORY

Please enter your current address. If you have not lived at this property for more than five years, you will be taken to another screen. Here you will be required to add any additional addresses to ensure your address history goes back the required five years. Please note if you do not provide a minimum of five years address history, you will not be able to proceed to the next stage of the application process.

Address Dates

There cannot be any gaps/overlaps in your address history. Please ensure that the month and year of each address follows that of the previous address. Students who switch between their permanent residence and education establishments must enter each address with dates consecutively, e.g. parents' address Dec 2009 – Jan 2010, university address Jan 2010 – March 2010, parents' address March 2010 – April 2010 etc. Do not run addresses/dates simultaneously as your application form will be rejected by the DBS. Once an address has been entered, you can edit any information by clicking on the 'Edit' button.

Postcode

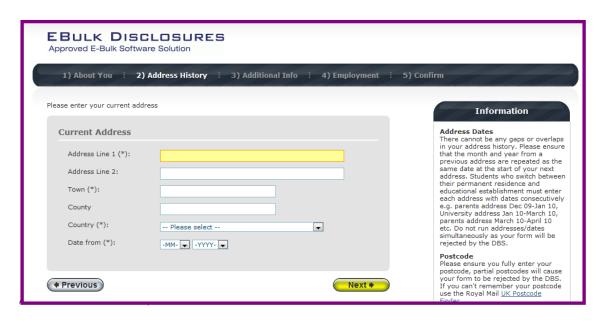
Please ensure that all UK addresses have a full postcode; if you cannot remember your postcode please use the Royal Mail <u>UK Postcode Finder</u> link provided within the address information box.

No Fixed Abode UK

If you were of no fixed abode within the UK please enter the nearest hostel address to the location you were based.

Foreign Addresses/Travelling Overseas

If you have travelled overseas and cannot supply the address for a foreign country then please enter 'no fixed abode' for Address Line 1. Please then enter the Town/City and Country of where you were residing within this period.



SECTION 3 – ADDITIONAL INFO

Place of Birth

Please enter details of your place of birth.

Nationality at Birth

Please enter your Nationality at birth and state YES or NO as to whether this has changed since you were born. If this has changed, you will be required to enter your current nationality.

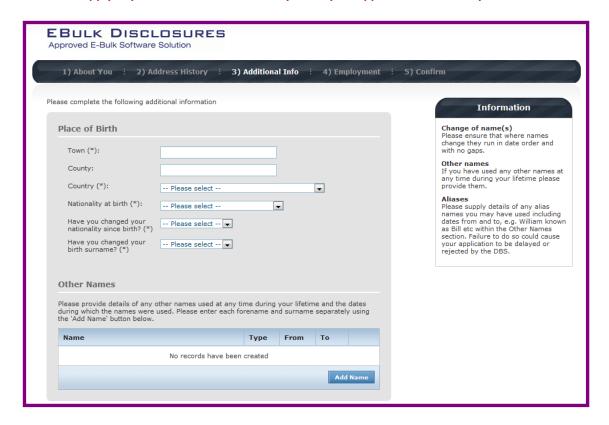
Changed Surname

If you have changed your surname please provide your birth surname and the year you changed it. Please ensure that where names change they run in date order and with no gaps.

Other Names

Please provide details of any other names used at any time during your lifetime and the dates during which the names were used. Please enter each forename, middle name(s) and surname separately using the 'Add Name' button below. If you have used any aliases, e.g. William known as Bill, please also supply these details.

Failure to supply any additional information may cause your application to be delayed.



Once you have completed this section click 'Next'.

SECTION 4 – EMPLOYMENT DETAILS

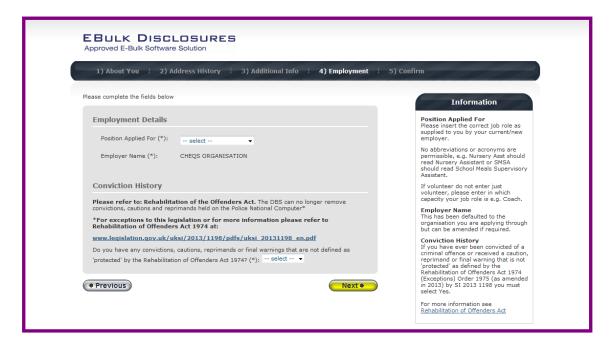
Position Applied For

Please insert the correct job role as supplied to you by your current/new employer. You will either be required to select your job role from the dropdown list provided or enter this manually. No abbreviations are permissible, e.g. Admin Asst should read Administrative Assistant. If you are a volunteer do not enter just volunteer, please enter in which capacity your job role is, e.g. Coach.

Failure to enter the correct job role may cause your application to be delayed or invalid.

Employer Name

This has been defaulted to the organisation you are applying through and should not be amended.



Conviction History

If you have <u>never</u> been convicted of a criminal offence or never received a caution, reprimand or warning then please select 'No'. If you have been convicted of a criminal offence, or received a caution, reprimand or warning that is 'protected' as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act then please also select 'No'.

If you have ever been convicted of a criminal offence, caution, reprimand or warning that **is not** 'protected' as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act then please select 'Yes'.

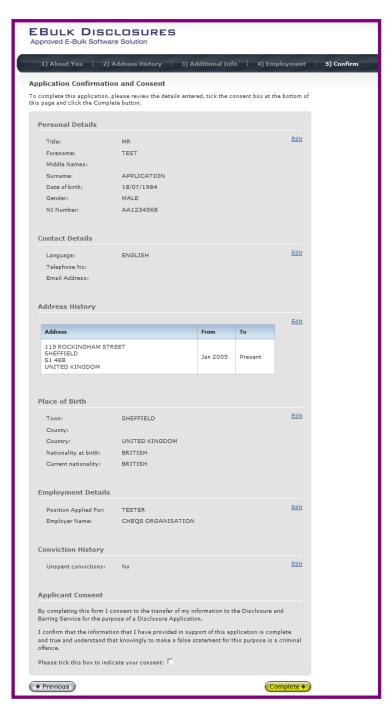
For more information, please refer to Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 at:

http://www.justice.gov.uk/guidance/docs/rehabilitation-offenders.pdf

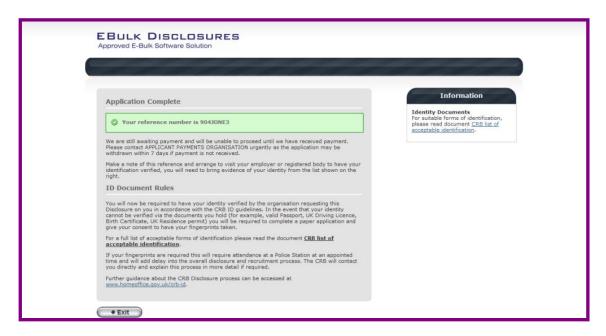
SECTION 5 – CONFIRMATION AND CONSENT

Now please read through your application to ensure that there are no omissions/errors before you submit your application. If you wish to edit a section of your application click on 'edit' next to the section of the form that requires changes.

At the end of the application please make sure that you complete the Applicant Consent section.



You have now completed your application form and you will be given a submission reference number. **Please make** a note of this number for reference purposes. If you entered an email address onto your application form you will receive a confirmation email containing these details.



Your application form will be processed by your employer once they have verified your identity. Please see below for guidance on identity verification.

Next step - identity verification

In line with the DBS code of practice all applicants requiring a DBS check must have their identity verified.

How do I have my identity verified?

Please provide original identification to the Nominated Person who has requested you complete a disclosure (usually the Appointing Manager) and provide identification as listed in the acceptable ID table (see table below). Your application form will be processed by your employer once they have verified your identity, and then sent onto the DBS.

Tracking the progress of your application with the DBS

If you supplied an email address whilst entering your application, as soon as your application has been received at the DBS and is assigned a DBS Application Reference number you will receive a second email detailing this information. This email will also include details and links to the DBS website to enable you to track the progress of your application from the moment the disclosure process commences. You will also be able to subscribe to the DBS Update Service as soon as your application is in process.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please contact Shared Services if you have any queries in regards to the DBS application process. Telephone: 01785 276113. Alternatively you can contact us by e-mail at disclosure@staffordshire.gov.uk

DBS Online Disclosure Guide (e-Bulk) DBS List of Acceptable Identification

Route 1

(3 documents to be seen)

- 1 document from Group 1.
- 2 further documents from Group 1, 2a or 2b.

Unable to verify via Route 1?



Fingerprints

Paper application form required (unable to process online).

Attendance at a local Police Station for fingerprints to be taken.

Route 2

(3 documents to be seen plus an External ID Check)

1 document from Group 2a.

2 further documents from Group 2a or 2b



Unable to verify via Route 3?

Route 3

(5 documents to be seen)

A certified copy of a UK Birth Certificate.

4 further documents, 1 from Group 2a, 3 from 2a or 2b.



Unable to verify via Route 2?

Group 1

Primary Trusted Identity Credentials

- Current valid Passport
- Biometric Residence Permit (UK)
- Current Driving Licence (UK / Isle of Man / Channel Islands) (Full or Provisional)
 A photo card is only valid if the individual presents it with the associated counterpart licence (except Jersey)
- Birth Certificate (UK / Channel Islands) (Issued at the time of birth)

Full or short form acceptable including those issued by UK authorities overseas, such as Embassies, High Commissions & HM Forces. (Photocopies are not acceptable)

Group 2a Group 2b Trusted Government Issued Documents Financial/Social History Documents Current UK Driving Licence (old style paper Mortgage Statement (UK or EEA) (Non-EEA Statements not accepted) ** Bank/Building Society Statement (UK or EEA) (Non-EEA Statements not Current Non-UK Photo Driving Licence (Valid accepted) * for up to 12 months from the date the Bank/Building Society Account Opening Confirmation Letter (UK) applicant entered the UK) Credit Card Statement (UK or EEA) (Non-EEA Statements not accepted) * Birth Certificate (UK / Channel Islands) (Issued Financial Statement e.g. pension, endowment, ISA (UK) ** after the time of birth) P45/P60 Statement (UK / Channel Islands) ** Marriage / Civil Partnership Certificate (UK / Council Tax Statement (UK / Channel Islands) ** Channel Islands) Work Permit/Visa (UK Residence Permit, valid up to expiry date) Adoption Certificate (UK / Channel Islands) Utility Bill (UK) - Not Mobile Phone * HM Forces ID Card (UK) Benefit Statement (UK) e.g. Child Allowance, Pension * Fire Arms Licence (UK / Channel Islands) Document from Central/ Local Government/ Government Agency/ Local Authority (UK / Channel Islands) * e.g. DWP, Employment Service, HMRC, Job Centre, Social Security EU National ID Card - must be valid Cards carrying the PASS accreditation logo (UK / Channel Islands) - must be Letter from Head Teacher or College Principal (16-19 year olds in full time education in the UK)

Please note if a document in the List of Valid Identity Documents is:

- Denoted with * it should be less than 3 months old
- Denoted with ** it should be less than 12 months old