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COUNCIL FOR
VOLUNTARY YOUTH
SERVICES

**WCVYS CAN
OFFER YOUR
ORGANISATION:**

- **Enhanced CRB Disclosure Service**
- **Safeguarding Advice**
- **Training**
- **Child Protection Policy Guidance**

Updated booklet currently being printed

WCVYS has produced a Guidance Booklet for the Voluntary and Community Sectors - 'Safeguarding Children and Young People'. Contact the office if you would like copies for your organisation. It can also be downloaded at www.wcvys.co.uk/safeguarding

Contact Person with WCVYS

If you are no longer the contact person for CRBs within your organisation, please let us know so that we can get a new CRB Contract between your organisation and WCVYS signed.

CRiB Newsletter

A quarterly newsletter for organisations who have contracts for CRBs with WCVYS.

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Welcome to this the fifth edition of a quarterly newsletter WCVYS produces for groups and organisations who have contracts for CRBs with us. Please let us know if there is any particular information you would find helpful.

Vetting and Barring Scheme Announcement

On 15th June 2010 the Government announced their intention to remodel the Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS) back to proportionate, commonsense levels. As a result, the ISA-registration stage of the scheme has been stopped and therefore will not launch on 26 July 2010 as planned.

Although the full details and scope of this remodel are still to be finalised:

- It is business as usual for the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB);
- The elements of the VBS put in place back in October 2009 continue; and
- Existing requirements concerning the CRB will remain in place, and those entitled to such checks can continue to apply for them.

As a result of ISA-registration being stopped, the CRB has had to consider the impact on its application process. The CRB has recently provided Registered Bodies with an initial stock of new (purple) application forms in readiness for the planned launch of the ISA-registration phase in July, and although this phase of the VBS has now been halted, the **CRB will still launch the new application form on 26 July 2010** as originally planned.. In order to process applications, the CRB will extract and ignore those parts of the new application form which capture ISA registration requirements, and use only those data fields which are required to process a CRB check.

Summary of key dates:

28 June 2010	The CRB accepts the new application form. Forms are manually checked for errors and returned if completed incorrectly. Correctly completed forms are held unprocessed until the go-live date on 26 July 2010. <i>(Please note new application forms received before 28 June will be automatically rejected)</i>
16 July 2010	CRB no longer accepts the old application forms. Please destroy any copies you may have.
26 July 2010	CRB starts to process applications made on the new application form and those accepted since 28 June 2010 in date received order.

Enclosed is a small supply of the new CRB application forms. WCVYS have only received a limited supply at present, so please get in touch with us if you need to request more copies.

WCVYS will be reviewing the administration fees it charges for processing CRB applications in July 2010.

If you have any questions please get in touch with the office on 01905 795098 or email office@wcvys.co.uk

Due to the change in Government, please note that the above may be reviewed at anytime.

Successful CRB Applications

An online eguide has been created to help applicants complete the new forms. It would be helpful if the person in your organisation responsible for CRB applications has a look at this online guide <http://www.crb.homeoffice.gov.uk/eguide>.

Continuation Sheets:

A few copies are enclosed for you to photocopy. You can also download them from http://www.crb.homeoffice.gov.uk/guidance/rb_guidance/continuation_sheets.aspx

Keeping contact with young people

In the national media there have been high profile cases regarding abuse of mobile phones, emails etc. and awareness has been raised among young people. You may want to discuss the issues with them.

Those of us who work with children and young people need to be careful about how we communicate with them.



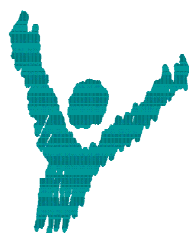
- Don't give out your private mobile or home number, or email address. A 'work' mobile is useful. Set up a separate email account for mail about your club or organisation.
- Be careful about the language you use when communicating with children and young people.
- You might arrange with another worker that you always copy each other into any emails you send, particularly if they are to individual young people
- Be aware that with an open un-passworded Bluetooth phone the content of your phone can be read by anyone else with a Bluetooth in range.
- Be careful what you store on your mobile phone, if it is taken by anyone they may get information you would rather they did not have.
- Many hand held games consoles have wireless and Bluetooth and can be used to make contact from 'stranger' devices within range.

WCVYS CRB Fees are currently:

	Enhanced CRB Fee	WCVYS Admin Fee
Member Organisations in the VCS working with children and young people	£0 volunteers £36 paid staff	first 5 per year no fee, thereafter £6 each
Organisations not in WCVYS Membership VCS Groups	£0 volunteers £36 paid staff	£15 £15
Commercial Organisations	£0 volunteers £36 paid staff	£30 £30

Useful Websites:

www.wcvys.co.uk
www.worcestershiresafeguarding.org.uk
www.crb.gov.uk
www.isa.gov.org.uk



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