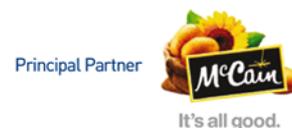
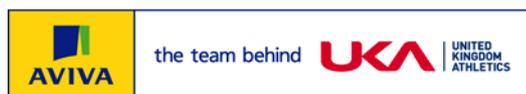


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# Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) and the Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS)

## March 2010 Update

### Background Information

- The government's Independent Safeguarding Authority's (ISA) background checking system known as the "**Vetting and Barring Scheme**" (VBS) for those who work with young people and vulnerable adults came into force on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009.
- The Vetting and Barring Scheme is one of the government's responses to the Bichard Inquiry into the murders of Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman by Ian Huntley.
- Its aim is to prevent harm to children or vulnerable adults by those who seek to work with them as either paid staff or volunteers.

### LATEST.... Update information

- In September 2009 Ed Balls the Secretary of State asked the ISA to have another look at whether the government had drawn the line in the right place in relation to the requirement to register. Sir Roger Singleton was asked to conduct a review and consider whether any adjustments needed to be made. The review was presented to the government in December 2009 and the recommendations made by Sir Roger Singleton have been accepted. A full copy of the report "Drawing the line " can be found on the UKA website at :- <http://www.uka.org.uk/governance/welfare-and-safeguarding/vetting-and-barring-scheme-updates/>
- The report which is 28 pages long is an easy read and well worth spending the time to read through it as it sets out the ethos of Sir Roger's thinking on the scheme.
- The main points are: A) that the frequent contact test will be met if the work with children takes place once a week or more. B) The intensive contact test will be met if the work takes place on 4 days in one month or more or overnight.
- Individuals who go into schools or similar settings to work with different groups of children will not be required to register unless their contact with the same children is frequent or intensive
- Overseas visitors bringing their own groups of children to the UK e.g. to international camps or the Olympics, will have a three month exemption from the requirement to register.
- Exchange visits lasting less than 28 days, where overseas parents accept the responsibility for the selection of the host family, will be regarded as private arrangements and will not require registration.

### Sport Specific Guidance

- The Singleton review meant that all the sector guidance documents were put on hold. Now the review is complete we are expecting the sports specific guidance to be published during this month.
- UKA are hopeful that they will soon be able to provide direct guidance to clubs as to which roles should be enhanced CRB checked and ISA checked.

### **Phasing in of ISA checks**

- The government has reduced the number of people who will be required to ISA register down to about 7 million. However as you might expect that will still take some doing if all the applications came in together.
- UKA will adopt a phasing in scheme with the ISA as follows:-
- From 26<sup>th</sup> July 2010 all new persons into the sport requiring an enhanced CRB check will also be ISA checked. This will include all new coaches and officials.
- 2010-2011 will continue with new persons into the sport and include those in the sport who do not have an enhanced CRB disclosure.
- From the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 to the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015 UKA will CRB and ISA check all those persons in the sport who are renewing their existing CRB application?

This should ensure a smooth and trouble free transition onto both schemes for all those individuals who currently hold UKA enhanced disclosure certificates.

UKA will be able register an interest with the ISA for anyone who is involved with athletics and has obtained their ISA registration number via another Registered Body. All you would need to do is provide the details of your ISA number to us.

### **New CRB/ISA application form**

- The current CRB application form will soon be phased out after the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2010 the old forms will not be sent out. Between the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July the telephone application line will close. The old forms will not be accepted after the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

If you have any questions then please contact either David Brown or Jane Fylan at the UKA Welfare Team. We do not promise to have all the answers but we are here to help you as much as we possibly can.

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