

How can we get our volunteers/staff checked and vetted?

Any organisation can and should set up systems and guidance on how to check and vet volunteers. Whether people are involved in a paid or voluntary capacity the same standards of good practice should apply. We need to know who people are, where they live, what qualifications and experience they have and whether they have any convictions for violent or sexual offences and for offences against children. Organisations should keep up to date records on people who act on their behalf and support local clubs to implement the guidance and recruitment effectively.

AccessNI should be used to complement each organisations own safeguarding measures and all agencies entrusted with the care or training of children need to have robust recruitment and staff/volunteer selection procedures, which are enhanced after appointment by appropriate training, supervision and appraisal processes.

AccessNI provides organisations registered with them with a central means of checking the suitability of an individual seeking work with children. The use of AccessNI by organisations has a deterrent effect but should **never** be relied upon to screen out all abusers. It is not a foolproof guarantee of suitability. AccessNI provides a means for accessing any information which might have a bearing on an individual's suitability.

Please talk to your Governing Body to check if they are already registered to use the service. If not they should contact;

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