

ISA Vetting and Barring Scheme – Latest news

Recently the Government has set out to review the vetting and barring scheme and “scale it back to common sense levels” The first phase of registration was due to commence on 26 July 2010. However, in order to deliver this promise and carry out the remodeling, the Vetting and Barring Scheme has been halted.

Although the Scheme is halted whilst the Government undertakes its review, new safeguarding regulations introduced in October 2009 continue to apply. These include:

A person who is barred from working with children or vulnerable adults will be breaking the law if they work or volunteer, or try to work or volunteer with those groups.

An organisation which knowingly employs someone who is barred to work with those groups will also be breaking the law.

If your organisation works with children or vulnerable adults and you dismiss a member of staff or a volunteer because they have harmed a child or vulnerable adult, or you would have done so if they had not left, you must tell the Independent Safeguarding Authority.

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