

## Vetting and Barring Scheme – Update

The new Vetting and Barring Scheme, involving the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA), will have a major impact on the recruitment and monitoring practices of people working or volunteering with children.

Created under the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006, the new Vetting and Barring Scheme will replace the current list 99, PoCA, PoVA and Disqualification Orders regimes. The ISA will decide who is unsuitable to work or volunteer with vulnerable groups. It will base its decisions on pulling together information held by various agencies, government departments and the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB). Once the scheme is fully rolled out, it will be illegal to hire someone in regulated activity who is not registered, and has therefore not been checked by, the ISA. The new scheme will cover employees and volunteers in the education, care and health industries, affecting some 11.3 million people.

To register for updates on the new scheme or obtain further guidance and information on who will be affected, go to [www.isa-gov.org.uk](http://www.isa-gov.org.uk).

**If you have any questions or queries about the Vetting and Barring Scheme or the role of the ISA then a new dedicated contact centre is ready to take your calls.**

You can get in touch with the Vetting and Barring Scheme's enquiry handlers by calling 0300 123 1111 (local call rates). The team of operators will be available from 8 am to 5.30 pm Monday to Friday to take your calls. If you call outside of these hours you will be able to leave a message and a member of the team will call you back.