



Recruitment of
Ex-Offenders
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SAFEGUARDING
POLICY

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The Chapter at Winchester Cathedral is an organisation which:

- Assesses applicants' suitability for positions included in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order, using the criminal records checks process through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).
- Complies with the DBS code of practice (https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/474742/Code_of_Practice_for_Disclosure_and_Barring_Service_Nov_15.pdf) and undertakes to treat all applicants for positions fairly. The Chapter at Winchester Cathedral undertakes not to discriminate unfairly against any subject of a criminal record check, on the basis of a conviction or other information revealed.
- Indicates within recruitment information, whether a criminal record check is required for the position.
- Having a criminal record may not necessarily be a bar to working with children or adults experiencing or at risk of abuse or neglect. Any information provided on either a Confidential Declaration Form or a DBS certificate will be assessed by the Diocesan Safeguarding Manager, who will advise the Chapter at Winchester Cathedral whether an appointment can be made.