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Criminal record check did not spot hammer attack carer threat

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The son of a 90-year-old woman who was stabbed in the neck by a carer with a previous assault conviction is calling for a change to criminal record checks.

Abosede Adeyinka hit Pamela Batten on the head with a hammer and stabbed her at her home in Hillingdon, west London.

Adeyinka was **jailed for 21 years in November** for attempted murder.

The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) said anyone employing people to work with vulnerable adults or children should request an enhanced DBS check.

The Home Office refused to comment.

DBS Statement

A spokesperson for the DBS said: "We can confirm that a DBS certificate was issued to Avant Healthcare in February 2014 for Abosede Alao, also known as Abosede Adeinka, this certificate listed her previous convictions. Serious offences such as Actual Bodily Harm (ABH) would not be filtered and they would always be disclosed on either a Standard or Enhanced DBS certificate. Also where people have more than one conviction for any offence they will always be disclosed too.

"Ultimately, whatever a DBS check reveals the decision to employ someone rests with the employer. They should discuss the content of a certificate with the applicant alongside references and carry out their own risk assessment as to a person's suitability for a particular role."



Hammer attack carer's employer 'knew about violence'

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The employer of a carer who attacked a 90-year-old widow was told about her previous convictions, it is claimed.

Abosede Adeyinka hit Pamela Batten on the head with a hammer and stabbed her at her home in Hillingdon, west London.

The government's criminal records service said it had told Avant Healthcare Services about Adeyinka's previous assault conviction.

Avant said an "administrative error" may be why her violent background was missed when it hired her.

Police said the motive for the "vile and disgusting" attack in April 2017 was theft. Adeyinka **was jailed for 21 years in November.**

After it emerged that Avant claimed it did not know about Adeyinka's assault conviction, Mrs Batten's son Sammy said there should be a **change to the way criminal records are checked.**

But the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) claimed on Tuesday that Avant was told about the conviction.

A DBS spokesman said Adeyinka's certificate was issued to Avant Healthcare in February 2014. It listed previous convictions including ABH and burglary.

Serious offences like ABH would "always be disclosed" on a certificate, the spokesman added.