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- 4.2 Following the conviction of attempted murder by a carer on an elderly lady BBC contacted us to find out about the process of obtaining a DBS check and whether the individual had applied for a check and whether there were any convictions shown. Avant Healthcare Services, who the individual worked for, stated that all the necessary checks were carried out and that neither her ABH or burglary convictions showed up. [REDACTED]

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- 4.1.1 **Avant Healthcare media/ministerial interest** - We had recently been the subject of media interest from a local BBC outlet in relation to an individual, employed as a carer through Avant Healthcare who went on to be convicted of attempted murder. The individual concerned had a prior conviction for ABH and Avant had initially made statements to the effect that they had done all of the appropriate checks and had they known about the conviction they would not have employed her, the implication being that DBS had not disclosed them. We worked closely with the BBC and Home Office to set the record straight with regard to the checks undertaken on the individual, resulting in Avant Healthcare backtracking on its original statement and admitting to 'administrative errors'. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-42625706>

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- 5.2 **The Sun** contacted us following the updated statement that the BBC ran on the evening news regarding Avant Healthcare. We provided the same statement that we gave BBC