



## Disclosure & Barring Service

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FOI 2038

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Dear Mr Robert,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 6 January. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

### FOI reference 2038

#### Your request for information was as follows:

I would like to make a similar request to FOI reference 1611. I would like to obtain a list of all potential employer names and the separate volumes of Basic and Enhanced paper/online applications submitted in the financial year December 2019 to December 2020. To accommodate for s.40 (personal data exemption), please discount employer names that have less than 5 instances/uses in the period (or whatever cut-off that makes it possible under FOI).

For the same period, I would like to obtain a list of all "positions applied for" (question 61 on the DBS application), identifying whether it was a standard or enhanced check (question 63) and listing the "organisation name" associated with the check (question 62). If you decide that the organisation name cannot be revealed, please complete the request without this.

#### Clarification request

Could you please clarify the exact date range you require the requested information for i.e. do you mean 01/12/19 to 30/11/20 or for the 13 month period of 1/12/19 - 31/12/20?

#### Clarification

I meant 01/12/19 to 30/11/20

#### Response

The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) helps employers make safer recruitment decisions each year by processing and issuing DBS checks for England, Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. DBS also maintains the adults' and children's Barred Lists and makes considered safeguarding decisions as to whether an individual should be included on one or both of these lists and barred from engaging in regulated activity.

The information you have requested is provided in the Excel spreadsheet included in this email

**Please note –**

The data provided shows Standard & Enhanced Disclosures received between -1/12/1019 and 30/11/2020 grouped by the "Potential Employer Name" that was provided on the application form.

The table only shows "**Potential Employer** Name" information where the same **Potential Employer** Name was used 50 times or more during the time period.

The same applicant may have submitted more than one application in the time specified.

The information provided has been in answer to this specific request and should not be compared to any other data previously released.

I hope the information provided proves useful.

**Your right to request an internal review under the Freedom of Information Act**

If you are dissatisfied our handling of your Freedom of Information request you may request an internal review by e-mailing [dbsfai@dbf.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:dbsfai@dbf.gsi.gov.uk) or by writing to Freedom of Information Manager, Disclosure and Barring Service, PO Box 165, L69 3JD. You should submit any request for review within two months of the date of this letter.

The Disclosure and Barring Service will aim to respond to your request for a review within 20 working days and in any case no longer than 40 working days.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office. Generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own internal complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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