

# Fast-Track Emergency COVID-19 DBS Checks

## Eligible Roles

The following list of roles are eligible for Fast-Track Emergency COVID-19 DBS Checks.

This list is taken from The Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Commencement No. 16) Order 2020.

This DBS Fast-track service is available from Monday 30th March 2020, with the exception of those 'emergency volunteers' referenced in point 'h'. Services for this group will commence at a later date to be advised.

### A Fast Track COVID-19 DBS Application Can Be Requested For:

- a. a person who is registered, or who the Registrar is considering registering, as **a Nurse, Midwife or Nursing Associate** (individually or as part of a specified group) under article 9A of the Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 (temporary registration in emergencies involving loss of human life or human illness etc);
- b. by a person who is registered, or who the Registrar is considering registering, as **a member of a relevant profession** (individually or as part of a specified group) under article 9A of the [Health Professions Order 2001](#) (temporary registration in emergencies involving loss of human life or human illness etc);

"Relevant Profession" means: (page 71 of [HPO 2001](#))

**Arts Therapists; Biomedical Scientists; Chiropodists And Podiatrists; Clinical Scientists; Dietitians; Hearing Aid Dispensers; Occupational Therapists; Operating Department Practitioners; Orthoptists; Paramedics; Physiotherapists; Practitioner Psychologists; Prosthetists And Orthotists; Radiographers; and Speech And Language Therapists;**

"Practitioner Psychologists" means Clinical Psychologists, Counselling Psychologists, Educational Psychologists, Forensic Psychologists, Health Psychologists, Occupational Psychologists and Sport And Exercise

Psychologists and this group of professions is to be treated as a single profession for the purpose of this Order

- c. by a person who is registered, or who the regulator is considering registering, as a **Social Worker** (individually or as part of a specified group) under regulation 12A of the Social Workers Regulations 2018 (temporary registration in emergencies involving loss of human life or human illness etc);
- d. by a person who is registered, or who the registrar is considering registering, as a **Social Worker** (individually or as part of a specified group) under section 83A of the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (**Wales**) Act 2016 (temporary registration in emergencies involving loss of human life or human illness etc);
- e. by a person who is registered, or who the Registrar is considering registering, as a **fully registered Medical Practitioner** (individually or as part of a specified group) under section 18A of the Medical Act 1983 (temporary registration with regard to emergencies involving loss of human life or human illness etc);  
**“Medical Practitioner” means Doctor: GP or Specialist Consultant.**
- f. by a person who is registered, or who the Registrar is considering registering, as a **Pharmacist or a Pharmacy Technician** (individually or as part of a specified group) under article 34 of the Pharmacy Order 2010 (temporary entry with regard to emergencies involving loss of human life or human illness etc);
- g. for the purposes of considering the applicant’s suitability for employment for the purposes of **providing, or being engaged to provide, NHS Health Services or Social Care Services\*** (see definitions on page 3) in connection with, or in consequence of, the provision of care or treatment to a person who has, or is suspected of having, coronavirus disease as defined by section 1 of the Coronavirus Act 2020, whether or not in respect of that disease.

This includes but is not limited to: **NHS Workers, Carers, Care Home Workers, Care Workers, Healthcare Assistants Social Care Workers, Adult’s Care Home Workers, Children’s Care Home Workers.**

- h. from a person who is approved by the appropriate authority, or who the appropriate authority is considering approving, as an **Emergency Volunteer in Health or Social Care under section 9(8)(a) of the Coronavirus Act 2020.**

**\*Definition of NHS Health Services and Social Care Services:**

**“NHS health services” means:**

a) in relation to England, any kind of health services provided as part of the health service continued under section 1(1) of the National Health Service Act 2006 (Secretary of State’s duty to promote comprehensive health service);

and

b) in relation to Wales, any kind of health services provided as part of the health service continued under section 1(1) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 (Welsh Ministers’ duty to promote health service);

**“social care services” means:**

a) in relation to England:

i. adult social services as defined in section 97(1) of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (general interpretation) and services which are the same as services which could be provided by a local authority in exercise of any of its adult social services functions as defined in section 97(1) of the Health and Social Care Act 2008, whoever provides them; and

ii. services provided or commissioned in relation to children by a local authority in the exercise of its social services functions as defined in section 1A of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970 (meaning of “social services functions”) and the duties described in sections 23C to 24D of the Children Act 1989 (duties in relation to relevant former children and other young persons);

b) in relation to Wales:

i. services provided or commissioned by a local authority in Wales in the exercise of its social services functions as defined in section 143 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (social services functions of local authorities) and services which are the same as services which could be provided by a local authority in Wales in exercise of any of its social services functions, whoever provides them.