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### **DBS CERTIFICATES - AREA OF CONCERN.**

As the 2016 season is fast approaching clubs and leagues are in the process of checking the DBS status of various people who require vetting including coaches, umpires and club welfare officers. You may remember from the Club Seminars held last November the ECB are particularly concerned about the number of captains who regularly play with Under-18s in their side and don't have a current ECB DBS. They are equally concerned about club welfare officers who have not been DBS vetted or whose vetting has expired.

A concern has just arisen where a club upon request supplied a DBS certificate number and issue date of one of their officials. A league welfare officer had been checking DBS certificates. The league welfare officer correctly contacted me and I have checked the ECB Database. There is no record of anyone by that name. This means they do not have an ECB DBS on record. It may well be this person has a DBS from another organisation, which is not acceptable to the ECB of course unless they are members of the Update Service and followed ECB policy. It could also mean someone has created details to give the impression they are vetted.

### **I am aware that clubs, leagues and umpires associations often ask an individual for their DBS certificate number and date of issue to help prove they are vetted.**

This issue clearly shows the vulnerability of merely asking for details. Indeed, even if someone physically produces their certificate, which they are not legally obliged to do; does not mean necessarily they are cleared/safe to work with children. All a genuine certificate number and date of issue shows is the person has undertaken the DBS vetting process. Supplying this information is restrictive. The certificate itself may show information which might indicate they are or may be a potential risk to children.

**To be clear and avoid any misunderstanding, a convicted paedophile may apply for a DBS vetting check and is entitled to obtain a DBS certificate.** Details of any relevant convictions, cautions, reprimands, warnings or certain other information will be recorded on the certificate.

The ECB database does not hold details of convictions etc merely the current status of an individual as far as cricket is concerned.

Another point which is well known is the DBS certificate is merely a snapshot in time and things may have occurred since the date of issue. They may be under investigation by Police, Children's Services or the ECB for example. So even a clear DBS certificate with no information recorded does not necessarily reflect an individual's current status.

Clubs, leagues and umpire associations have no legal right to demand the production of a DBS certificate. However, the vast majority of people are more than happy to help organisations with this. People should not be used in a role which requires vetting until their DBS status has been confirmed.



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**The only way a cricket club, league or umpires association can check an individual has been ECB DBS vetted is to check the ECB database through either Josh Scully, Club Development Officer – Participation & Growth at Trent Bridge [josh.scully@nottsccc.co.uk](mailto:josh.scully@nottsccc.co.uk) or me [john.leaf@ntlworld.com](mailto:john.leaf@ntlworld.com) by e-mail.** This gives us a paper trail.

This is a nationwide database and we need to know a person's **full name + address + date of birth** in order to ensure we check the right person.

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