



Salford Community & Voluntary Services

Recruitment of Ex-Offenders Policy Statement

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- As an organisation assessing applicants' suitability for positions which are included in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (exceptions) Order using criminal record check processed through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). Salford CVS complies fully with the DBS Code of Practice [Revised Code of Practice for Disclosure and Barring Service Registered Persons \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/642222/Revised_Code_of_Practice_for_Disclosure_and_Barring_Service_Registered_Persons.pdf) and undertakes to treat all applicants for positions fairly.
- Salford CVS undertakes not to discriminate unfairly against any subject of a criminal record check on the basis of a conviction or other information revealed.
- Salford CVS will complete a risk assessment and will only ask an individual to provide details of convictions and cautions that Salford CVS are legally entitled to know about. Where a DBS certificate at either standard or enhanced level can legally be requested (where the position is one that is included in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (exceptions) Order 1975 as amended, and where appropriate Police Act Regulations as amended).
- Salford CVS can only ask an individual about convictions and cautions that are not protected
- Salford CVS is committed to the fair treatment of its staff, potential staff or users of its services, regardless of race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, responsibilities for dependants, age, physical/mental disability or offending background.
- Salford CVS has a written policy on the recruitment of ex-offenders, which is made available to all DBS applicants at the start of the recruitment process.
- Salford CVS actively promotes equality of opportunity for all with the right mix of talent, skills and potential and welcome applications from a wide range of candidates, including those with criminal records.
- Salford CVS select all candidates for interview based on their skills, qualifications and experience.
- An application for a criminal record check is only submitted to DBS after a thorough risk assessment has indicated that one is both proportionate and relevant to the position concerned. For those positions where a criminal record check is identified as necessary, all application forms, job adverts and recruitment briefs will contain a statement that an application for a DBS certificate will be submitted in the event of the individual being offered the position.
- Salford CVS ensures that all those in Salford CVS who are involved in the recruitment process have been suitably trained to identify and assess the relevance and circumstances of offenses.
- Salford CVS also ensures that they have received appropriate guidance and training in the relevant legislation relating to the employment of ex-offenders e.g. the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974
- At interview, or in a separate open and measured discussion, Salford CVS ensures that an open and measured discussion takes place on the subject of any offences or other matter that might be relevant to the position. Failure to reveal information that is directly relevant to the position sought could lead to withdrawal of an offer of employment.
- Salford CVS makes every subject of a criminal record check submitted to DBS aware of the existence of the DBS Code of Practice [Revised Code of Practice for Disclosure and Barring Service Registered Persons \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/642222/Revised_Code_of_Practice_for_Disclosure_and_Barring_Service_Registered_Persons.pdf) and makes a copy available on request.
- Salford CVS undertakes to discuss any matter revealed on a DBS certificate with the individual seeking the position before withdrawing a conditional offer of employment.
- **Having a criminal record will not necessarily bar you from working with us.** This will depend on the nature of the position and the circumstances and background of your offences.