

VC NETWORK: C19 RESPONSE

DBS / REGULATED ACTIVITY

Regulated activity:

- DBS rules are only mandatory for regulated activity
- Some activity (like shopping and running errands) is regulated for certain vulnerable groups
- Self-isolating or shielding does not place someone in these groups – so basic support tasks are not likely to be regulated
- It is an offence to recruit a barred volunteer into a regulated role
- It is an offence to be barred and undertake a regulated role

Non-regulated activity:

- DBS checks are not mandatory
- Higher level checks (enhanced and standard checks) are only available for certain roles
- Many roles (such as telephone befrienders) will not be eligible for these checks
- You may be able to access basic DBS checks however need to balance this with:
 - Whether it's useful
 - Costs and admin time