SELF-DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is supplementary to the relevant section relating to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. Where you are making an application in writing and have something to disclose, this form must be completed and sent in a separate, sealed envelope marked “confidential” and returned with your completed Application Form and any other supplementary or supporting documents.

In accordance with statutory requirements certain pre-employment checks are conducted for positions involving working with vulnerable groups, specifically children and vulnerable adults.

The information obtained from these checks is used to help safeguard these groups. It will not be used to discriminate unfairly against those with convictions which we consider as unrelated to working with vulnerable groups. Having a criminal record will not automatically bar you from employment or voluntary work with us.

As the position you are applying for gives you privileged access to vulnerable groups, you are required to disclose all spent convictions and cautions under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exemptions) Order 1975 unless it is a “protected” conviction/caution under the amendments made to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exemptions) Order 1975 (in 2013) and, therefore, not subject to disclosure. **This means that you must disclose spent and unspent convictions on this form other than those which are so “protected”. This may include any driving offences. Guidance on the filtering of “protected” convictions and cautions can be accessed on the Disclosure and Barring Service website.**

Failure to disclose any disclosable criminal convictions could lead either to your application being rejected or, if you are appointed, to dismissal if it is subsequently discovered that you have had any criminal convictions. It is a criminal offence to apply for a position working with children if you are excluded from doing so.

Failure to disclose previous convictions may render your application invalid.

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If the role you are in or have applied for involves frequent or regular contact with or responsibility for children, you will also be required to undertake an Enhanced DBS check which will provide details of criminal convictions.

All information you provide will be treated as confidential and managed in accordance with relevant data protection legislation and guidance. You have a right of access to information held on you under the Data Protection Act 1998.

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| Have you ever been known to any children’s services department or to the police as being a risk or potential risk to children?  | Yes / No |
| If yes, please provide further information: |
| Have you been the subject of any disciplinary investigation and/or sanction by any organisation due to concerns about your behaviour towards children?  | Yes / No |
| If yes, please provide further information: |
| Do you have any convictions, cautions, reprimands or final warnings that are not “protected” as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (Amended) 2013? | Yes / No |
| If yes, please provide further information: |
| **Confirmation of declaration** (tick box below) |
| **[ ]**  | I agree that the information provided here may be processed in connection with recruitment purposes and I understand that an offer of employment may be withdrawn or disciplinary action may be taken if information is not disclosed by me and subsequently come to the organisation’s attention.  |
| **[ ]**  | In accordance with the organisation’s procedures if required I agree to provide a valid DBS certificate and consent to the organisation clarifying any information provided on the disclosure with the agencies providing it.  |
| **[ ]**  | I agree to inform the organisation within 24 hours if I am subsequently investigated by any agency or organisation in relation to concerns about my behaviour towards children or young people.  |
| **[ ]**  | I understand that the information contained on this form, the results of the DBS check and information supplied by third parties may be supplied by the organisation to other persons or organisations in circumstances where this is considered necessary to safeguard children. |
| **Signature of candidate:** |  |
| **Print name:** |  |
| **Date:** |  |