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The **Central Registered Body in Scotland (CRBS)** was established by the Scottish Government to provide free Disclosures (police checks) for volunteers in the voluntary sector working with children, young people and adults at risk.

The **CRBS** is a service operated by **Volunteer Development Scotland**. Based in Stirling, the CRBS is the largest provider of free disclosures for volunteers in the voluntary sector in Scotland.

Main Functions

The CRBS has **two** functions:

1. Firstly, to administer requests for free standard and enhanced disclosures on volunteers in the voluntary sector wishing to volunteer with children, young people, and adults at risk. This includes checking that the voluntary organisation is bona fide, that the type of voluntary work to be undertaken requires a disclosure, and, when satisfied, passing the application onto Disclosure Scotland. Disclosure Scotland will run the disclosure and pass the result back to the CRBS, and directly to the individual concerned. The CRBS will, in turn, inform the voluntary organisation. The final decision on whether to involve the individual as a volunteer rests with the organisation and not the CRBS.
2. Secondly, to provide service users with information and assistance, on request, with making decisions about the suitability of applicants. The most prominent issues surrounding the disclosure process include

human rights, data protection, confidentiality and ensuring that ex-offenders are treated fairly when accessing volunteering opportunities. CRBS will also provide training on the use of Part V of the Police Act 1997 to enable organisations to obtain Disclosures for persons working with children, young people and adults at risk.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question:

Do I have to use CRBS?

Answer:

No, you can go straight to [Disclosure Scotland](#) if you wish.

Question:

Is CRBS foolproof?

Answer:

The Enhanced Disclosure will detail spent and unspent convictions and any relevant non-conviction information.

What must be remembered is that checks are produced on the information received regarding the applicant's ID and address history.

It is therefore imperative that organisations ensure that individuals complete the Disclosure Application form fully and that organisations always check the applicant's ID documents correctly.

Question:

Is there specific legislation for CRBS?

Answer:

Yes, CRBS is legislated for under the Police Act 1997 Part V

For more information go to www.crbs.org.uk