

Bowls England wishes to inform Members the Government has announced that the proposed introduction of the Independent Safeguarding Authority Vetting & Barring Scheme has been halted.

The following information has been received from the CCPR.

CCPR STATEMENT:

The ISA registration stage of the Vetting and Barring Scheme has been halted to allow the new Government to conduct a remodelling of the scheme.

Theresa May, Home Secretary states '**the Government has made clear its intention to bring the criminal records and vetting and barring regimes back to common sense levels.** Until this remodelling has taken place, we have decided to maintain those aspects of the new Scheme which are already in place, but not to introduce further elements'.

NOTE: No one can register with the Independent Safeguarding Authority until further notice from the Government.

What parts of the scheme remain in place?

- You are still legally obliged to refer information to ISA if you have removed an individual from 'regulated activity' because they have harmed or there is a risk of harm to a member of a vulnerable group
- You must not knowingly employ a barred person in regulated activity
- The two new barred lists will continue to be administered by ISA and can be checked through an enhanced CRB disclosure (existing CRB requirements and eligibility criteria will remain)

What will still change?

- A new 'CRB Application form' will be launched in July 2010.

Bowls England is pleased that its call for a 'common sense' approach on behalf of Members (as highlighted above) appears to have been listened to.

Bowls England will further update clubs and counties once further information is available.

Note to County Secretaries/Administrators: A copy of this item has been sent directly to all club contacts held by Bowls England

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