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Dear Christopher,

IMPLEMENTATION OF LEGISLATION ON THE DISCLOSURE OF CRIMINAL RECORDS

We recognise your interest in the recent legislation to change the rules governing criminal records disclosure for sensitive roles. As a result, we would like to update you on the implementation date of the two Orders, so you are able to update any public advice you provide and share this information with your service users.

As you will be aware, the legislation removes the automatic disclosure of youth reprimands, warnings and cautions and all convictions where a person has more than one conviction, where not affected by any other rule (often known as the 'multiple conviction' rule). These changes address the Supreme Court judgment in the case of *P and Others*.

Following the approval by Parliament in mid-September, we intend that the Orders will come into force on Saturday 28 November. This follows the changes made by the Disclosure and Barring Service to their IT system to ensure that criminal records disclosure reflects the new legislation. We will be explaining the changes on [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk), and the DBS will update their ['filtering' guidance](#) at the same time to ensure that regime users are aware of the changes.

These website updates will take place on Thursday 19 November. Copies of both updates are attached in pdf form. These are embargoed until 00:01 on Thursday 19 November 2020.

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