DBS Update Service – Driver Guidance Notes

What you’ll need...

- Access to a computer/internet
- Original DBS certificate that has been issued in the last 28 days. (See ‘date of issue’ on certificate for this information).
- A Debit or Credit card to make payment and Bank Account details to set up a subscription.

How much will this cost....

Once you have obtained your original enhanced DBS certificate at a cost of £60 you can then apply for the DBS update service through Gov.uk. You will need to pay a fee of £13 to register initially and then an annual payment of £13 by subscription.

An email will then be generated confirming all payment information, along with a ‘code’ for anyone wishing to perform a Self-Serve check from home (see below for more information).

*all payments are made directly through the Gov.uk website - South Ribble Borough Council have no direct involvement with the Gov.uk website and cannot take payments for this service.

Step by Step instructions...

1) Log on to Gov.uk
2) Search ‘DBS’
3) Select ‘DBS update service’
4) Select ‘Register for the update service’ (You’ll find this under ‘How to register’)
5) The Update Service page – Follow the easy steps and subscribe.

What happens next....?

You will be asked to produce your original DBS certificate to The Council on an annual basis for the Licensing Unit to perform a DBS update check through the Gov.uk website. If you wish to perform this check yourself at home, please be advised the DBS update check must have been issued in the last 24hrs when produce to The Council along with your original DBS.

If no new information is recorded on the DBS update check the application will be accepted. However, if the DBS update check contains new information the applicant will be asked to apply for a new DBS to satisfy The Council’s Policy.

PLEASE NOTE IF THE BANK CARD YOU USE TO SUBSCRIBE WITH EXPIRES DURING YOUR SUBSCRIPTION, DBS WILL CANCEL YOUR SUBSCRIPTION. THEY WILL SEND AN EMAIL TO YOUR ‘JUNK BOX’ TO ALERT YOU OF THIS. PLEASE CONTACT DBS IMMEDIATELY TO PROVIDE NEW CARD DETAILS.