

Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme
Stakeholder Information Events
June 2009

General Update

ORIGINS

CHECK TO PROTECT

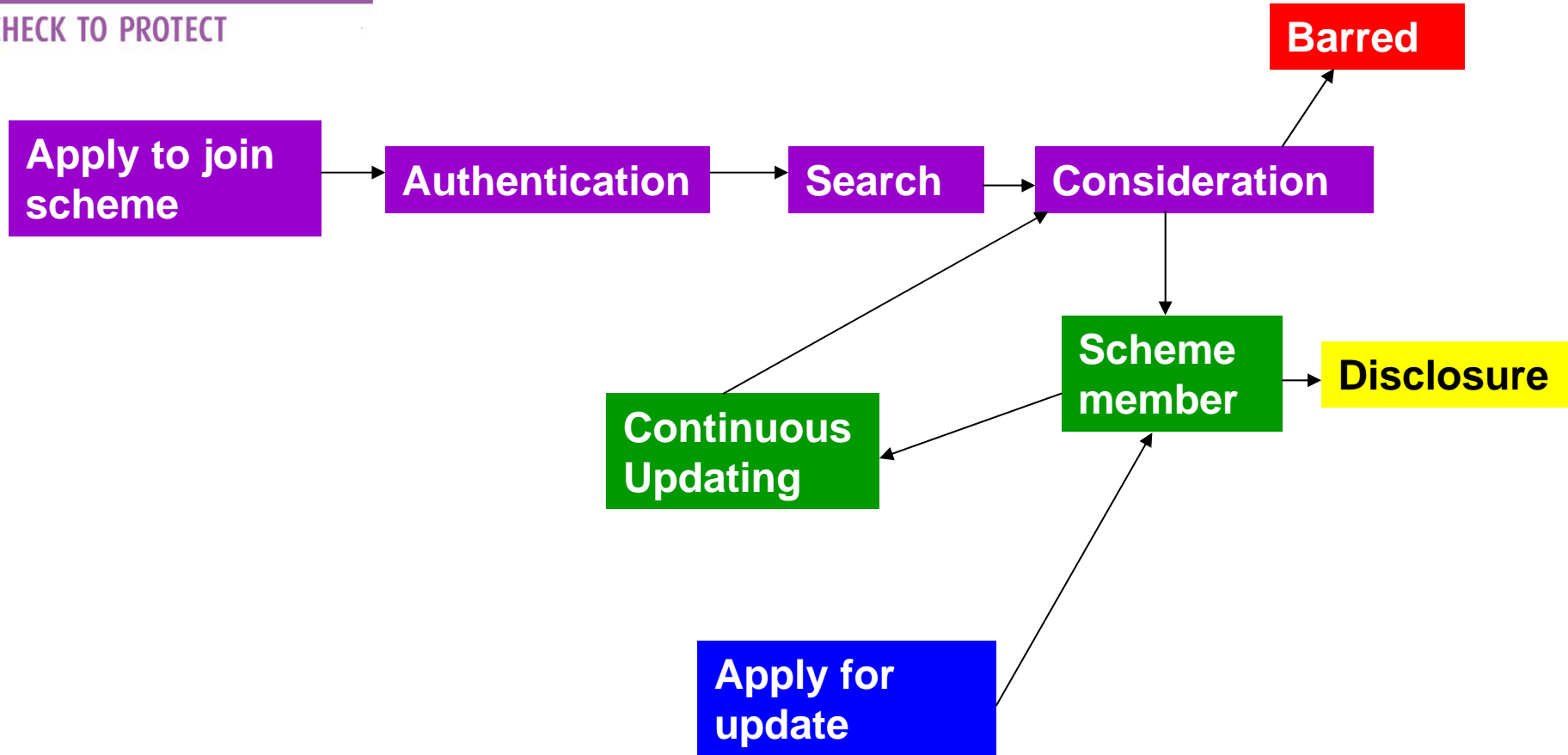
- Police Act 1997
- Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003
- Bichard Inquiry 2004
 - Recommendation 19 - “New arrangements should be introduced requiring those who wish to work with children, or vulnerable adults, to be registered. This register would confirm that there is no known reason why an individual should not work with these client groups.”
- Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007

GOALS

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- To help to ensure that those who have regular contact with children and protected adults through paid and unpaid work do not have a known history of harmful behaviour
- To be quick and easy to use, reducing the need for PVG Scheme members to complete a detailed application form every time a disclosure check is required,
- To strike a balance between proportionate protection and robust regulation and make it easier for employers to determine who they should check to protect their client group.

HOW WILL IT WORK?



PVG SCHEME BENEFITS

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- Fewer incidents of harm in the workplace
- Protection extended to adults
- Availability of service to personal employers
- Improved decision making on suitability
- Reduced administration costs
- Improved availability, responsiveness and faster access
- Improved understanding of obligations under the Act

Implementation Programme

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- Secondary legislation
- Cross border integration (2)
- IT system design
- Decision making processes
- Information flows (4)
- Guidance and training
- Stakeholder engagement
- Transition plan
- Central Registered Body in Scotland
- Contractual and financial

Cross Border Protocols

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- Listed in one administration, barred in all
- No double listing
- Respecting one another's decisions
- Action always taken by appropriate administration
 - Where the individual works
 - Where the incident happened (if member of both or neither scheme)

IT System Design

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- Fully integrated single system
- Security
- Business continuity
- On line account management
- CRBS

Information flows (1)

- Police
 - 2 national computers for convictions
 - Daily updates
 - Non conviction information
 - Availability of information to police
- Courts
 - Referrals
 - Additional case information

- Regulatory bodies
 - Maintaining information on registrants
 - Duplicate disclosures
 - Referrals
- Local Authorities
 - What information
 - Access to information

Transition Plan

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- Data migration
- Form and output design
- Recruitment and training
- Transfer of listed people
- Registration
- Transition from enhanced to PVG disclosures
- Phasing strategy
- Roll out of on line services

Fees and Go Live date

- Contractual and cost modelling work
- Finalising requirements
- Likely to be announced after the summer recess
- Go live expected in 2010 – exact date to be determined