

Social Care Checks

What does a social care check mean?

- All social care records are electronic and store information both current and historic relating to children, adults and their families.
- Adult social care, children's social work and early help systems are all checked to see if any services have ever been requested or provided by a Chaperone Applicant.
- If relevant, information is shared with the person requesting the check to help them with their decision making when considering the appropriateness of a Chaperone Applicant.
- When signing a Chaperone Application Form agreeing to this check, this is what you are accepting and agreeing to as an integral part of the application process.

What if you have a social care record?

This does not mean you are automatically prevented from being a chaperone. Lots of people will be mentioned on other people's social care records as the following examples below show:

- You may be providing care for an elderly, disabled or infirm relative and have requested a service or made contact.
- You may be providing services yourself in another role such as a foster carer.
- You may have received or are receiving services in respect of your own children.

Depending on the reason for the service, this may or may not be relevant to your application and the information will not be shared. Sometimes your application and the record show some discrepancy or irregularity and you may be asked to provide further information for clarification.

What would prevent me from being a Chaperone?

The types of things that would prevent you from being a chaperone are:

- If you have or have had a child who is subject to a child protection plan and you have been considered a risk.
- If you have previously been barred from working with children
- If you have a conviction of an offence against a child
- If you have previously been removed from any professional register due to an allegation of harm against a child.
- If you have had a child or have a child in the care of the local authority and you haven't disclosed the reasons for this.

The types of information you have shared that may require further information or discussion. Please note this is not an exhaustive list.

- Some children live away from their family home due to disability or the need for residential health care and or education.
- You are a foster carer – Where will you foster children be when you are chaperoning and or Who will be looking after your foster children during this time.
- You have requested aids and adaptations to your home – Where the adaptations for you or a family member? If you, are you physically fit to look after children?
- Your own child has been or is in care – what are the circumstances

None of the above mentioned, in isolation, would restrict your application but would likely need a further conversation.