

Cleaner

Peter applies for a job as a cleaner at his local hospital. He will be required to clean ward areas where patients are located.

Eligibility

Carrying out cleaning duties, when considered in isolation, are not eligible for a DBS check.

In this example, Peter's duties are concerned with ensuring the hygiene and cleanliness of ward areas to reduce the risk of spreading infection. His role supports the provision of health services that will allow him to have direct contact and interaction with patients located on the ward. This position is **eligible for a standard check**.

If Peter's cleaning duties involved him working in a dedicated children's hospital or a high security psychiatric unit/hospital, this would be regarded as a 'specified establishment' under the Police Act regulation. In such cases, employers should consider the roles and responsibilities of the job against eligibility for an **enhanced check without barred list information**.

If the role was more concerned with cleaning other areas of the hospital site e.g. offices or public access areas where there is limited (incidental) or no access to patients, then the position may be considered for a **basic disclosure only**.