

## Laundry services

Deborah applies for a job at her local trust working in the laundry. The job will require her to ensure hospital departments have a clean stock of uniforms, bed linen and towels. This includes delivering clean linen to ward areas, sorting and collecting clothing or bedding to be washed, operating industrial and dry-cleaning equipment, repairing and issuing staff uniforms.

### **Eligibility**

Ensuring hospitals have clean linen is critical in supporting the provision of health services in that it is aimed at reducing the spread of infection. In this example, the role also involves collecting bed linen and clothes from ward areas where patients are located. This role is eligible for a standard check.

If Deborah was providing the same duties in a dedicated children's hospital or in a high security psychiatric unit/hospital, this would be regarded as a 'specified establishment' under the Police Act regulations and therefore consideration should be given against eligibility for an enhanced check without barred list information.

If Deborah's duties were purely concerned with operating the washing/drying machines in the laundry with no access to patients, the role would not be eligible for a standard or enhanced disclosure. Employers may consider obtaining a **basic disclosure**.