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A DBS check (Disclosure and Barring Service check) is a criminal record check carried out by the UK Government for people applying for certain jobs or volunteer roles. It reveals a candidate's criminal history unspent convictions, cautions, warnings and reprimands with the level of detail depending on the type of check carried out.