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Yes. DBS checks are free for individuals working in an unpaid volunteer role, provided they meet the DBS definition of a volunteer. The individual must not receive any payment (except expenses), must not be on a work placement, and must not be doing anything that counts towards a qualification.