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Disclosure and barring refers to the dual function of the DBS, disclosing criminal record information to employers via DBS certificates, and maintaining the barred lists to prevent unsuitable people from working with children or vulnerable adults.