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The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 reformed the UK's vetting and barring system. It narrowed the definition of regulated activity, introduced the DBS Update Service, and established the current filtering rules for old and minor offences.