

Safer Recruitment Policy

Expanse Learning Group

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1. Scope

This policy applies to all staff at Expanse Learning.

2. Introduction

Expanse Learning is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and young people in its care through Safer Recruitment. As an employer, Expanse Learning expects all employee and volunteers to share this commitment.

3. Aims and Objectives

The aim of the Safer Recruitment Policy is to help deter, reject, or identify people who might abuse children or young people or are otherwise unsuited to working with them by having appropriate procedures for appointing employee.

The aims of the recruitment policy are as follows:

- to ensure that the best possible employee is recruited based on their merits, abilities, and suitability for the position
- to ensure that all job applicants are considered equally and consistently
- to ensure that no job applicant is treated unfairly on any grounds including race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion or religious belief, sex, or sexual orientation, marital or civil partner status, disability, or age.
- to ensure compliance with all relevant legislation, recommendations and guidance including the statutory guidance such as the Prevent Duty Guidance for England and Wales 2015 (the Prevent Duty Guidance) and any guidance or code of practice published by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)
- to ensure that Expanse Learning meets its commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and young people by carrying out all necessary pre-employment checks in accordance with the “Keeping Children and young people Safe in Education” guidance (2023).

Employees involved in the recruitment and selection are responsible for familiarising themselves with and complying with the provisions of this policy. Expanse Learning has a principle of open competition in its approach to recruitment and will seek to recruit the best applicant for the job. The recruitment and selection process should ensure the identification of the person best suited to the job at Expanse Learning based on the applicant’s abilities, qualification, experience, and merit as measured against the job description and person specification.

The recruitment and selection process will be conducted in a professional, timely and responsive manner and in compliance with current employment legislation, and relevant safeguarding legislation and statutory guidance. If an employee involved in the recruitment process has a close personal or familial relationship with an applicant, they must declare it as soon as they are aware of the individual’s application and avoid any involvement in the recruitment and selection decision-making process (any conflicts of interest must be declared by the applicant within the application form).

Expanse Learning aims to operate this procedure consistently and thoroughly while obtaining, collating, analysing, and evaluating information from and about applicants applying for job vacancies at EXPANSE LEARNING.

4. Roles and Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the Board of Governors to:

- Ensure Expanse is challenged on the effectiveness of its policies and procedures in place for recruitment of all employee and volunteers in accordance with all the legal requirements.
- Monitor compliance.
- Delegate responsibility to the Recruiting Manager to support in any appointments. Governors may be involved in employee appointments, but the final decision will rest with the Senior Leadership Team.

It is the responsibility of the Senior Leadership Team and other Heads of Departments involved in recruitment to:

- Ensure that Expanse operates safe recruitment procedures and makes sure all appropriate checks are carried out on all employees and volunteers who work at the company.
- To monitor contractors’ and agencies’ compliance with this document.
- Promote the welfare of children and young people at every stage of the procedure.

5. Definition of Regulated Activity and Frequency

The full legal definition of regulated activity is set out in Schedule 4 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 as amended by the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012.

HM Government has produced a Factual note on regulated activity in relation to children and young people

Regulated activity includes:

- a) teaching, training, instructing, caring for (see (c) below) or supervising children and young people if the person is unsupervised, or providing advice or guidance on well-being, or driving a vehicle only for children and young people
- b) work for a limited range of establishments (known as 'specified places', which include schools and colleges), with the opportunity for contact with children or young people, but not including work done by supervised volunteers

Work under (a) or (b) is regulated activity only if done regularly. Some activities are always regulated activities, regardless of their frequency or whether they are supervised or not. This includes:

- relevant personal care, or health care provided by or provided under the supervision of a health care professional:
- personal care includes helping a child or young person, for reasons of age, illness, or disability, with eating or drinking, or in connection with toileting, washing, bathing, and dressing
- health care means care for children or young people provided by, or under the direction or supervision of, a regulated health care professional.
- Any position undertaken at, or on behalf of Expanse Learning will amount to "regulated activity" if it is carried out:
 - *frequently, meaning once a week or more; or*
 - *overnight, meaning between 2.00 am, and 6.00 am or*
 - *satisfies the "period condition", meaning four times or more in a 30-day period; and provides the opportunity for contact with children and young people.*

Roles which are carried out on an unpaid/voluntary basis will only amount to regulated activity if, in addition to the above, they are carried out on an unsupervised basis.

6. Recruitment and Selection Process

Advertising

All recruitment is managed through TalosATS online platform and allows the recruiting manager to select from standard or premium job boards. To ensure equality of opportunity, Expanse Learning will advertise all vacant posts to encourage as wide a field of applicant as possible, normally this entails an external advertisement. However, Expanse Learning may exercise at their discretion the following:

- Internal ONLY recruitment campaign
- Secondment of staff (Temporary transfer of staff to another position or employment)
- Promotion (Talent management and professional development of existing staff)
- Re-evaluate previous applicants (within previous 6-month period)
- Executive Recruitment

Any advertisement will make clear the:

- company's commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people
- Highlight it is a criminal offence for any person who is barred from working with children or young people to apply for a position requiring regulated activity
- If appropriate, highlight if the vacancy is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

All documentation relating to applicants will be treated confidentially in accordance with the Data Protection Act (2018).

Application Process

Expanse Learning uses its own online application form through PeopleHR, and all applicants for employment will be required to complete an application form containing questions about their academic and full employment history and their suitability for the role (in addition all applicants are required to account for any gaps or discrepancies in employment history). Incomplete application forms will not be shortlisted.

The application process will include the applicant's declaration regarding convictions and working with children and young people and will make it clear that the post is exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. CV's will not be accepted.

It is unlawful for Expanse Learning to employ anyone who is barred from working with children or young people. It is a criminal offence for any person who is barred from working with children or young people to apply for a position at Expanse. All applicants will be made aware that providing false information is an offence and could result in the application being rejected or summary dismissal if the applicant has been selected, and referral to the police and/or the DBS.

Expanse learning will conduct both internet and social media searches on all successful applicants, any areas of concern will be discussed prior to starting at Expanse Learning.

Job Descriptions and Person Specifications

A job description is a key document in the recruitment process and must be finalised prior to taking any other steps in the recruitment process. It will clearly and accurately set out the duties and responsibilities of the job role. The person specification is of equal importance and informs the selection decision. It details the skills, experience, abilities, and expertise that are required to do the job. The person specification will include a specific reference to suitability to work with children and young people if appropriate.

Screening and shortlisting:

Shortlisted candidates will be asked to complete a self-declaration of their criminal record or information that would make them unsuitable to work with children or vulnerable adults. This information includes:

- If they have a criminal history
- If they are included in the children's barred list
- If they are prohibited from teaching
- If they are prohibited from taking part in the management of an independent school
- Information about any criminal offences committed in any country in line with the laws as applicable in England
- If they are known to the police and children's local authority social care
- Any relevant overseas information

Expanse Learning will ensure at least two people carry out the shortlisting exercise and should carry out the interview for a consistent approach

In addition, as part of the shortlisting process Expanse Learning will carry out an online search as part of our due diligence.

References

References will be taken up before interview unless specified not to by the candidate, in this instance they will be requested immediately after the job has been offered.

All offers of employment will be subject to the receipt of a minimum of two references which are considered satisfactory by Expanse. One of the references must be from the applicant's current or most recent employer. If the current / most recent employment does/did not involve work with children and young people, then the second reference should be requested from the employer with whom the applicant most recently worked with children and young people. The referee should not be a relative. References will always be sought and obtained directly from the referee, and their purpose is to provide objective and factual information to support appointment decisions.

All referees will be asked whether they believe the applicant is suitable for the job for which they have applied and whether they have any reason to believe that the applicant is unsuitable to work with children and young people. Referees will also be asked to confirm that the applicant has not been radicalised so that they do not support terrorism or any form of "extremism" or if there have been any known safeguarding concerns. Please note that no questions will be asked about health or medical fitness prior to any offer of employment being made.

The relevant Business Officer (College/School) will follow up an applicant's primary reference via phone call to confirm the validity of the reference.

Any discrepancies or anomalies will be followed up. Direct contact by phone will be undertaken with each referee to verify the reference. Expanse Learning does not accept open references, testimonials, or references from relatives.

An employment start date will not be given until all references have been returned satisfactory.

Interviews

There will be a face-to-face interview wherever possible, and a minimum of two interviewers will see the applicants for the vacant position. The interview process will explore the applicant's ability to carry out the job description and meet the person specification. It will enable the panel to explore any anomalies or gaps have been identified in order to satisfy themselves that the chosen applicant can meet the safeguarding criteria (in line with Safer Recruitment Training).

Any information regarding past disciplinary action or allegations, cautions or convictions will be discussed and considered in the circumstance of the individual case during the interview process if it has been disclosed on the application form. At least one member of any interviewing panel will have undertaken safer recruitment training or refresher training as applicable.

All applicants who are invited for an interview will be required to bring evidence of their identity, address, and qualifications. Only original documents will be accepted, and photocopies will be taken. Unsuccessful applicant documents will be destroyed six months after the recruitment campaign.

Offer of Appointment and New Employee Process

Expanse Learning carries out a number of pre-employment checks in respect of all prospective employees. If it is decided to make an offer of employment following the formal interview, any such offer will be conditional on the following:

- The agreement of a mutually acceptable start date and the signing of a contract incorporating Expanse Learning's standard terms and conditions of employment. The Terms and Conditions of Employment must be distributed no later than the first day of employment.
- Verification of the applicant's identity (where that has not previously been verified)
- the receipt of two references (one of which must be from the applicant's most recent employer) which Expanse considers being satisfactory
- Satisfactory internet/social media checks – Section 11
- for positions which involve "respite break work"
- where the position amounts to "regulated activity the receipt of an enhanced disclosure from the DBS which Expanse considers to be satisfactory
- Where the position amounts to "regulated activity" confirmation that the applicant is not named on the Children and young people 's Barred List and/or the Adults Barred List (if appropriate)
- Verification that the applicant is not subject to any Secretary of State Prohibition or Interim Prohibition order
- If applicable, verification that the applicant is not subject to the Secretary of state Section 128 direction order
- Verification of the applicant's declaration regarding convictions and working with children and young people and will make it clear that the post is exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.
- Verification of the applicant's medical fitness for the role; verification of the applicant's right to work in the UK.
- Expanse Learning will identify any gaps in employment and request that any prospective employees give a full and honest account for these gaps. Any explanation that we deem as unsatisfactory will discount an individual from any recruitment process or result in a withdrawal of any offer of employment.
- Any further checks which are necessary as a result of the applicant having lived or worked outside of the UK; and
- Verification of professional qualifications which Expanse Learning deems a requirement for the post, or which the applicant otherwise cites in support of their application (where they have not been previously verified).

Expanse Learning is not permitted to check the Children's or Adult's Barred List unless an individual will be engaging in "regulated activity". Expanse Learning is required to carry out an enhanced DBS check for all employees, supply employees and any other stakeholders who will be engaging in regulated activity. However, Expanse can also carry out an enhanced DBS check on a person who would be carrying out regulated activity but for the fact that they do not carry out their duties frequently enough i.e., roles which would amount to regulated activity if carried out more frequently.

Whether a position amounts to "regulated activity" must, therefore, be considered by Expanse Learning to decide which checks are appropriate. It is however likely that in nearly all cases Expanse will be able to carry out an enhanced DBS check and a Children and young people's Barred List check.

7. The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 does not apply to positions which involve working with or having access to children and young people. Therefore, any convictions and cautions that would normally be considered 'SPENT' must be declared when applying for any position at Expanse Learning.

8. DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) Check (formerly known as CRB Disclosure)

Expanse Learning applies for an enhanced disclosure from the DBS and a check of the Children and young people's Barred List (now known as an Enhanced Check for Regulated Activity) in respect of all positions which amount to "regulated activity" as defined in the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (as amended). The purpose of carrying out an Enhanced Check for Regulated Activity is to identify whether an applicant is barred from working with children and young people by inclusion on the Children and young people's Barred List and to obtain other relevant suitability information.

It is policy that the DBS disclosure must be processed before the commencement of employment of any new employee. In the event of a new employee starting in position before a satisfactory DBS has been received then they must be supervised at all times and can be identified with a red lanyard containing their ID. All offers of employment are subject to a satisfactory DBS check. It is policy to re-check employee's DBS Certificates every three years and in addition, any employee that takes leave for more than three months (*i.e., career break, etc - Periods of maternity leave and long-term sickness absence are excluded when computing a break of service*) must be re-checked before they return to work.

Members of staff at Expanse Learning are aware of their obligation to inform the Shared Services Team of any cautions or convictions that arise between these checks taking place. DBS checks will still be requested for applicants with recent periods of overseas residence and those with little or no previous UK residence.

This section is covered in greater depth within the "ELGR-HRIM-POL-0010_DBS-Policy".

9. Portability of DBS Certificates Checks

Employee may wish to join the DBS Update Service if they are likely to require another check in the future. Applicants may sign up to the Service if their check was issued after 17 June 2013, for a fee of £13 per annum, which is payable by the applicant. ([DBS Update Service - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/db-update-service))

10. DBS Certificate

The DBS no longer issue Disclosure Certificates to employers; therefore employees/applicants should bring their original Certificate to their respective Business Officer within seven days of issue or applicants before they commence work or any project involving regulated activity.

11. Online checks

To guarantee compliance with Keeping Children Safe in Education (2023) updates; Expanse Learning will conduct online searches as part of the safer recruitment pre-employment checks, looking for any safeguarding concerns or reputational issues directly linked to the candidate.

Only information that appears in the public domain will be in scope and any offer of employment will remain conditional until this search has been satisfied.

The online checks will review Goggle, Facebook, Instagram, and twitter with a time frame of 5 years. This will be completed centrally by the Shared services Team looking for content that can be defined into the following categories:

- Extremism and hate speech
- Violent images
- Nudity
- Toxic language, swearing and profanity
- Professional Conduct

The Shared Services Team will:

- Assess the content
- Determine if the content warrants Expanse Learning to speak to the candidate
- If any issues are discussed with the candidate, assess the answers to determine the suitability of the appointment.

Any concerns will be highlighted to the recruiting manager who will discuss with the candidate who in turn will notify the recruiting manager of any issues that may arise.

All applicants will be asked to disclose their Social Media Handles as part of their application form

Expanse Learning will utilise Section 8 of the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018) that states that the public task basis will cover processing necessary for these online searches.

All findings will be recorded within DatabridgeMIS against the employee personal file.

12. Dealing with convictions

Expanse Learning operates a formal procedure if a DBS Certificate is returned with details of convictions. Consideration will be given to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and also:

- the nature, seriousness, and relevance of the offence; how long ago the offence occurred.
- one-off or history of offences; changes in circumstances,
- decriminalisation and remorse.

A formal meeting will take place face-to-face to establish the facts with the Recruiting Manager and Shared Services. A decision will be made following this meeting. If relevant information (whether in relation to previous convictions or otherwise) is volunteered by an applicant during the recruitment process or obtained through a disclosure check, the Recruiting Manager and Shared Services will evaluate all the risk factors above before a position is offered or confirmed.

If an applicant wishes to dispute any information contained in a disclosure, they may do so by contacting the DBS. In cases where the applicant would otherwise be offered a position were it not for the disputed information, Expanse Learning may, where practicable and at its discretion, defer a final decision about the appointment until the applicant has had a reasonable opportunity to challenge the disclosure information.

13. Proof of identity, Right to Work in the UK & Verification of Qualifications and/or professional status.

All applicants invited to attend an interview at Expanse will be required to bring their identification documentation such as passport, birth certificate, driving licence, etc. with them as proof of identity/eligibility to work in the UK in accordance with those set out in the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 and DBS identity checking guidelines. Expanse Learning does not discriminate on the grounds of age or any other protected characteristic.

Where an applicant claims to have changed their name by deed poll or any other means (e.g., marriage, adoption, statutory declaration) they will be required to provide documentary evidence of the change.

As an organisation we are aware of the threat of people using false passports and other identity documents to enter the UK illegally, obtain employment, banking, housing, access to sites and hire vehicles unlawfully.

To combat identity document fraud, all staff involved in recruitment have had specialist document verification training delivered by Northwest Counter Terrorist Police to ensure that we can confirm that documents presented are genuine and that the holder is the rightful owner. It is also an integral part of our pre-employment screening process. Staff responsible for checking documents are provided with equipment (magnifiers and ultraviolet (UV) light sources) to confirm the authenticity of documents, and identify imposters, counterfeits, and forgeries.

Our application process makes clear that applicants who cannot provide the required documentation will not be employed (except for cases where a reasonable explanation can be provided), particularly where their right to work in the UK must be verified.

14. Medical Fitness

Expanse Learning is required to verify the medical fitness of anyone to be appointed to a post at Expanse Learning, after an offer of employment has been made but before the appointment can be confirmed.

All applicants are requested to complete a medical questionnaire and where appropriate a doctor's medical report may be required. This information will be reviewed against the Job Description and the Person Specification for the particular role, together with details of any other physical or mental requirements of the role.

Expanse Learning is aware of its duties under the Equality Act 2010. No job offer will be withdrawn without first consulting with the applicant, obtaining medical evidence and considering reasonable adjustments.

15. Overseas checks

Applicants who have lived/travelled abroad for more than three months within the previous 5 years we will need to obtain a criminal record check from the relevant country. The applicant will not be permitted to commence work until the overseas information has been received and is considered satisfactory by Expanse Learning.

16. Induction Programme

All new employees will be given an induction programme which will clearly identify Expanse Learning's policies and procedures, including the relevant Safeguarding Policy, the Code of Conduct, and make clear the expectations which will govern how employee's carry out their roles and responsibilities.

This section is covered in greater depth within the "ELGR-HRIM-POL-0003 - Induction Policy"

17. Register of Members of Employee and Volunteers

In addition to the various employee records kept at Expanse and on individual personnel files, a record of recruitment and vetting checks is kept on the Single Central Record. This is kept up-to-date and retained by the Shared Services Team (for employees and volunteers).

The Single Central Register will contain details of the following:

- All employees who are employed to work at Expanse
- All employees who are employed as supply staff to Expanse whether employed directly or through an agency
- All others who have been chosen by Expanse to work in regular contact with children and young people. This will cover volunteers, Governors, people brought into Expanse Learning to provide employment contracted services.

18. Record Retention / Data Protection

Expanse Learning is legally required to undertake the above pre-employment checks. Therefore, if an applicant is successful in their application, Expanse Learning will retain on their personnel file any relevant information provided as part of the application process. This will include copies of documents used to verify identity, right to work in the UK, medical fitness, and qualifications. Medical information may be used to help Expanse Learning to discharge its obligations as an employer e.g., so that Expanse may consider reasonable adjustments if an employee suffers from a disability or to assist with any other workplace issue.

This documentation will be retained by Expanse Learning for the duration of the successful applicant's employment with the company. All information retained on employees is kept centrally in a secure office, in a locked and secure cabinet.

The same policy applies to any suitability information obtained about volunteers involved with activities.

Expanse Learning will retain all interview notes on all unsuccessful applicants for a period of 6 months, after which time the notes will be confidentially destroyed (i.e., shredded). The six-month retention period is in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

This section is covered in greater depth within the "ELGR-DAMA-POL-0002 – Data Protection Policy".

19. Ongoing Employment

Expanse Learning recognises that safer recruitment and selection is not just about the start of employment but should be part of a larger policy framework for all employees. Expanse Learning will, therefore, provide ongoing training and support for all employees, as identified through the Performance Management Review and Staff Development Plan (SDP) procedure.

20. Leaving Employment at Expanse

Despite the best efforts to recruit safely, there will be occasions when allegations of serious misconduct or abuse against children and young people and young people are raised. This policy is primarily concerned with the promotion of safer recruitment and details the pre-employment checks that will be undertaken prior to employment being confirmed. While these are pre-employment checks, Expanse Learning also has a legal duty to make a referral to the DBS in circumstances where an individual:

- has applied for a position at Expanse Learning despite being barred from working with children and young people.
- or has been removed by Expanse Learning from working in regulated activity (whether paid or unpaid),
- or has resigned prior to being removed, because they have harmed, or pose a risk of harm to, a child.

21. Contractors and agency employee

Contractors engaged by Expanse Learning must complete the same checks for their employees that Expanse Learning is required to complete for its employees. Expanse Learning requires confirmation that these checks have been completed before employees of the Contractor can commence work at Expanse Learning.

Agencies who supply employees to Expanse Learning must also complete the pre-employment checks which Expanse Learning would otherwise complete for its employees. Again, Expanse Learning requires confirmation that these checks have been completed before an individual can commence work at Expanse Learning.

Expanse Learning will independently verify the identity of employees supplied by contractors or an agency and will require the provision of the original DBS certificate before contractors or agency employees can commence work at any premises. Any contractors who do not have the required clearance must be supervised at all times whilst on the premises.

22. Volunteers

Expanse Learning will request an enhanced DBS disclosure and Children and young people 's Barred List information on all volunteers undertaking regulated activity with children or young people at or on behalf of Expanse Learning (the definition of regulated activity set out above will be applied to all volunteers). Under no circumstances will Expanse Learning permit an unchecked volunteer to have unsupervised contact with children or young people.

It is policy that a new DBS certificate is required for volunteers who will engage in regulated activity but who have not been involved in any activities with Expanse Learning for one year or more. If a person has taken a break in their volunteering role, they will be asked to declare any new convictions since their last DBS check within a one-year period. Those volunteers who are likely to be involved in activities with Expanse on a regular basis may be required to sign up to the DBS update service as this permits Expanse to obtain up to date criminal records information without delay prior to each new activity in which a volunteer participates.

In addition, Expanse Learning will seek to obtain such further suitability information about a volunteer as it considers appropriate in the circumstances. This may include (but is not limited to the following):

- formal or informal information provided by employee and other volunteers
- character references from the volunteer's place of work or any other relevant source
- and an informal safer recruitment interview
- online background checks.

23. Governors

Expanse Learning Governors are required to have an enhanced criminal records certificate from the DBS. Governance is not a regulated activity and so governors do not need a barred list check unless, in addition to their governance duties, they also engage in regulated activity. Expanse Learning will also carry out a section 128 check for governors, because a person subject to one is disqualified from being a governor in maintained schools. Through the Employer Secure Access sign-in portal via the Teaching Regulation Agency's (TRA) Teacher Services' web page, Expanse Learning can easily check if a person they

propose to recruit as a governor is barred as a result of being subject to a section 128 direction.

24. Monitoring and Evaluation

The Head of Shared services will be responsible for ensuring that this policy is monitored and evaluated. This will be undertaken through formal audits of job vacancies and a yearly Safer Recruitment Evaluation audit which will be presented to the Senior Leadership Team to report to the Governing Board.

25. Safeguarding

At Expanse Learning, safeguarding is paramount, and we are fully committed to ensuring the welfare and safety of all our children and young people. We believe that children and young people have a right to stay in a supportive, caring, and safe environment which includes the right to protection from all types of abuse; where employee are vigilant for signs of any child in distress and are confident about applying the processes to avert and alleviate any such problems. If any behaviour is a concern in relation to safeguarding, procedures and processes will be followed at all times in accordance with the Safeguarding Policy. Any concerns will be referred to the relevant department Designated Safeguarding Lead.

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26. Monitoring arrangements

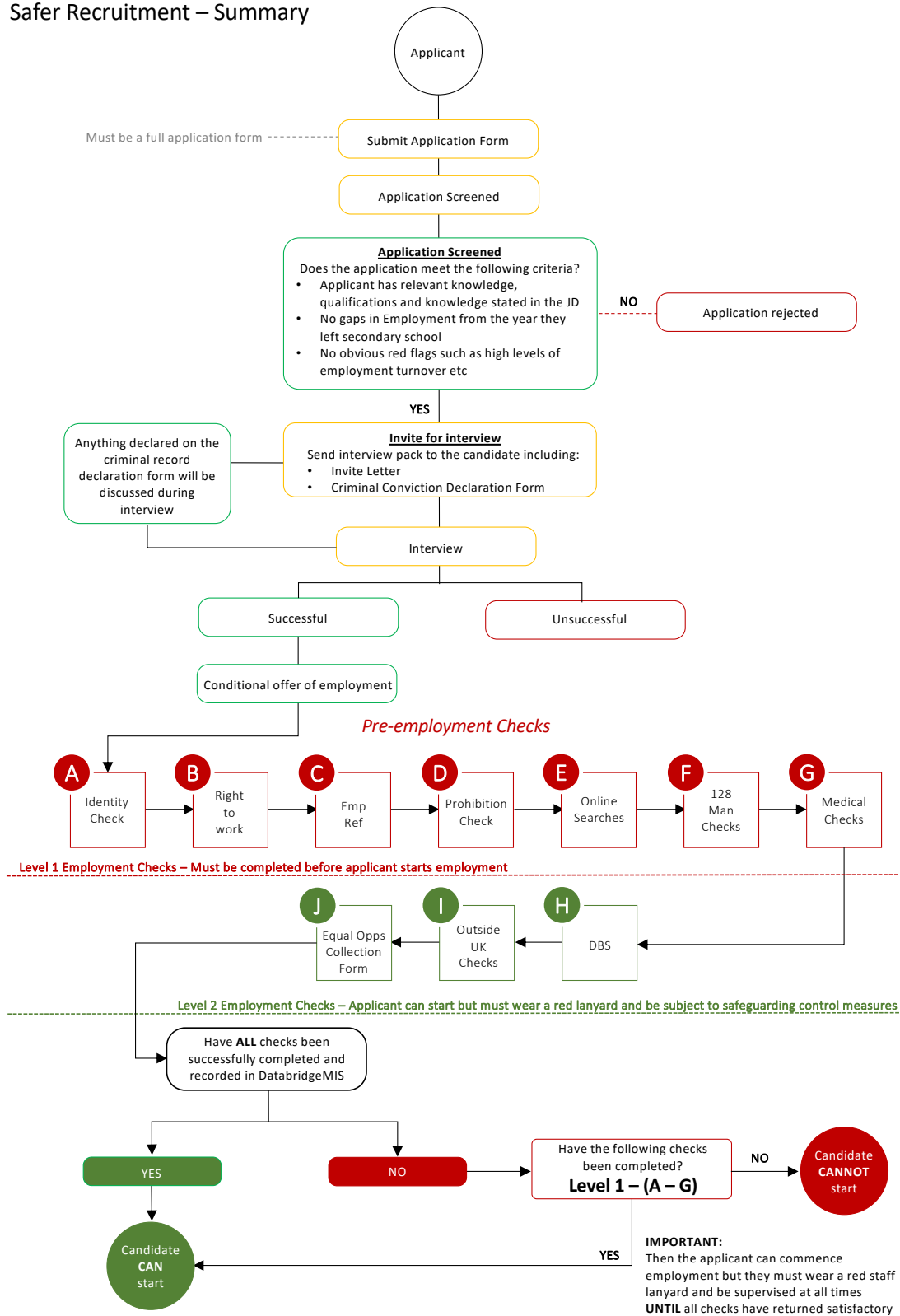
This policy will be reviewed every 12 months but can be revised as needed.

Impact of non-compliance		
Staff:	Disciplinary action	
Student:	Not applicable	
Legislation/organisational:	Reputational damage, litigation, statutory and non-regulated compliance (OFSTED).	
Compliance lead:	Shared Services (Shared Services)	
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4	01/09/2020	Policy Review in line with KCSIE 2020, updated COVID-19 changes	31/08/2021
5	01/03/2021	Updated section 6 (Advertising)	28/02/2021
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7	03/10/2022	Updated policy in line with KCSIE 2022 changes and updates.	01/09/2023
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9	09/09/2024	Policy reviewed and updated for compliance with KCSIE (2024)	08/09/2025

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Appendix 2 – Online search Workflow

