

**This policy applies to British Canoeing and the home nations Canoe Wales and CANI. For Scotland please refer to the SCA for further details.**

## **General Principles**

British Canoeing complies fully with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), Access NI Code of Practice regarding the correct handling, use, storage, retention and disposal of Disclosures and Disclosure information. It also complies fully with its obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998 and other relevant legislation pertaining to the safe handling, use, storage, retention and disposal of Disclosure information.

## **Storage and access**

Disclosure information is kept securely, in lockable, non-portable, storage containers with access strictly controlled and limited to those who are authorised to see it as part of their duties.

## **Handling**

In accordance with section 124 of the Police Act 1997, Disclosure information is only passed to those who are authorised to receive it in the course of their duties. British Canoeing maintain a record of all those to whom Disclosures or Disclosure information has been revealed and it is a criminal offence to pass this information to anyone who is not entitled to receive it.

## **Usage**

Disclosure information is only used for the specific purpose for which it was requested and for which the applicant's full consent has been given.

## **Retention**

Once a recruitment (or other relevant) decision has been made, British Canoeing do not keep Disclosure information for any longer than is necessary. This is generally for a period of up to six months, to allow for the consideration and resolution of any disputes or complaints. If, in very exceptional circumstances, it is considered necessary to keep Disclosure information for longer than six months, British Canoeing will consult the DBS/Access NI about this and will give full consideration to the data protection and human rights of the individual before doing so. Throughout this time, the usual conditions regarding the safe storage and strictly controlled access will prevail.

## **Disposal**

Once the retention period has elapsed, British Canoeing will ensure that any Disclosure information is immediately destroyed by secure means, i.e. by shredding, pulping or burning. While awaiting destruction, Disclosure information will not be kept in any insecure receptacle (e.g. waste bin or confidential waste sack). British Canoeing will not keep any photocopy or other image of the Disclosure or any copy or representation of the contents of a Disclosure without prior consent. However, notwithstanding the above, we may keep a record of the date of issue of a Disclosure, the name of the subject, the type of Disclosure requested, the position for which the Disclosure was requested, the unique reference number of the Disclosure and the details of the recruitment decision taken.