



**EXTRACT**



## **CRB Checks for**

### **Volunteers**

Home Secretary Theresa May has announced that the new criminal record checking system will be free to volunteers, following a long campaign from voluntary organisations. The new 'Update Service' is scheduled to go live in spring 2013 and will mean that once a volunteer has a Disclosure Barring Service check (DBS) – as 'CRB checks' will now be called - they will not need a new check every time they start a new volunteering opportunity. Instead, the system will allow an organisation to check online to see whether the volunteer's circumstances have changed since their first check.