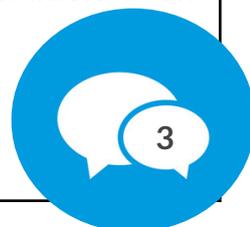


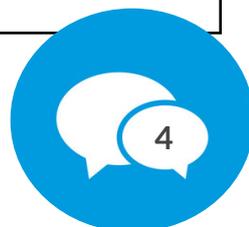
Comment From Louise	I have some convictions on my DBS. One is from when I was 15, meaning any subsequent convictions remain (as far as I understand). The one from when i was 15 was ABH; I bit a member a staff when I was living in a children's home. I do not believe the conviction represents the crime and I am looking at having this removed or amended. Can yo help me please?
Helen@Legal:	<p>"Hello Louise, convictions remain on a person's police record until the person reaches their 100th birthday. However, whether they are disclosed are not depends upon the post that is being applied for. If the post is covered by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act, your conviction will become spent after a certain amount of time depending upon your sentence. The link below gives further information: https://www.askthe.police.uk/content/Q89.htm</p> <p>If the post requires an enhanced DBS check, then it may be disclosed.</p> <p>Convictions may be requested to be deleted from a person's record, however this can only be done in exceptional circumstances. Please see link below which gives further details: https://www.acro.police.uk/acro_std.aspx?id=699</p> <p>If you would like to speak with someone for further advice about your situation, you can contact NACRO Resettlement Advice Service and they will assist you. The helpline number is: 0300 123 1999.</p> <p>Hope this is of help to you.</p> <p>Kind regards. Helen"</p>
Comment From Louise	not sure Ill live to be 100 lol but thank you.
Ashley@Admin:	:)
Comment From Louise	oops sent before I finished. the link re. deletion of offences is what I was after, thank you - it doesn't seem to be easy to find it online! thank again!
Comment From Matt	I am currently awaiting my DBS police records check to be completed. It has been several weeks and I am concerned that if it is not back soon then I will be unemployed and unable to start my new NHS job
Louise@Legal:	<p>"Hi Matt, thank you for your question.</p> <p>Normally a DBS check takes around 4 weeks but sometimes it can take longer if there is a back log. Applications can be tracked via the DBS website - https://secure.crbonline.gov.uk/enquiry/enquirySearch.do</p> <p>There is also a telephone number provided if you wish to speak to them. Thanks Louise"</p>
Comment From Mohamed	Thank. You
Nicola@Legal:	You're welcome Mohamed.
Caroline@Marketing	www.askthe.police.uk has a wealth of policing Q&A's – when you have the time, why not browse our A-Z of topics?



Comment From Matt	Hi Louise. It has already been over 5 weeks since it was submitted and I have checked it every day online. Is there any possible way to fast track this. My new job can't start until this has been completed.
Louise@Legal:	I would suggest that you contact them via this link https://www.gov.uk/disclosure-barring-service-check/contact-disclosure-and-barring-service and ask if there is any way your check can be fast tracked. Most organisations who use the DBS checks will be used to the length of time it takes but we understand that this must be frustrating for you.
Comment From Matt	Ok, many thanks Louise
Comment From Mohamed	Thanks Nicola
Caroline@Marketing	We can see a number of you are watching the conversation - please don't be shy ;) send us your questions!
Comment From Mohamed	The caution was related to ABH, but I'm not sure if this will be considered as spent since was dated in September 2009, is about seven years and since then I never had any other incident or similar to that, can you please clarify a bit more many thanks.
Nicola@Legal:	Of course, not a problem. Your caution will be spent, as they become spent immediately, regardless of the offence. If you apply for a job, you do not have to disclose this, unless the form states that it is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act, in which case it may be disclosed, even though it is spent. This will be the case in relation to teaching jobs. In cases that are exempt, spent cautions and convictions can be disclosed, however even where a post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, the law protects people from having some old and/or minor convictions and cautions disclosed to employers. The chart at the bottom of Q89 on Ask the Police shows how long this lasts - https://www.askthepolice.uk/content/Q89.htm - In relation to a caution, it may be disclosed for 6 years (or 2 years if you were under 18 at the time). The time will be from the date that you got the caution. Hope that helps. Nicola.
Nicola@Legal:	Mohamed. I have looked further at the specific offences that are never filtered, and unfortunately, assault occasioning actual bodily harm is a listed offence in the legislation, and so will always be disclosed where the application is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act. In the chart in Q89, it is classed as a violent offence. Nicola.
Caroline@Marketing	Don't forget you can download the Ask the Police app from the App store or google play - for answers on the go!
Comment From sarah	Hi,
Ashley@Admin:	Hi Sarah, what's your question?
Comment From Louise	I am looking at the website you sent me the link for. It says I cannot use this process if it was a court conviction, which, in my case, it was. I was informed some time ago that I can contact the chief constable of the area the conviction was made to request a conviction being removed. I was living in Liverpool at the time; the conviction was in 1998. I am downloading and completing the notice and ground form - is there a time limit in what I have to appeal a conviction? Thank you
Helen@Legal:	"Hello Louise, yes, the appeal to a conviction must be made within 21 days of the date you were sentenced. Please see link below which gives information: https://www.gov.uk/appeal-against-sentence-conviction/magistrates-court-verdict Helen"



Caroline@Marketing	Rate our Q&A's on www.askthe.police.uk and let us know if we helped.
Comment From Louise	Thank you - is there a time limit for appealing a sentence?
Helen@Legal:	The time limit is the same - 21 days.
Comment From sarah	I think that my ex has been logging onto my Facebook and e-mail accounts. I am also convinced that they hacked into my phone somehow and that they have had someone message me another number. If I phone 101 and give them this information what will the likely outcome be?
Louise@Legal:	"Hi Sarah, thanks for your question. Firstly I would suggest that if you have not already done so then change all of your passwords. You would need some evidence before the police can take action rather than a suspicion that this has occurred. What makes you think your phone and accounts have been hacked?"
Caroline@Marketing	"What subjects would you like us to cover in future web chats? Let us know of the topics you are interested in or have questions aboutdogs...driving...ages..etc."
Comment From Louise	ok thank you. I'm going to have to seek legal advice. as an aside, this is a great initiative. thanks again
Helen@Legal:	Thanks for your feedback and for participating in our first live web chat.
Comment From Louise	future topics - laws and rules concerning ages of convictions (so, convictions as a minor)
Caroline@Marketing:	Thanks for the suggestions Louise - one to consider!
Ashley@Admin	We are just working on the last couple of responses, if you do have anything you want to ask before we end this web chat please submit them now
Comment From sarah	Would the police do anything if I showed them that, thats the only evidence I have for that. In regards to the phone, I got an iCloud notification. It seems they just knew my password rather than actually "hacking" into anything. The text messages received from the other number were just asking general questions and said that they were someone else. There hasn't been any admission to it being my ex. Would they go and speak to my ex at all or give a harassment or stalking warning?
Comment From sarah	Just to add some further background. The break up occurred at the end of july. No contact was made until he messaged saying happy birthday at the end of august. There was then some further contact due to a potential pregnancy scare but then he became quite short and angry during any contact so I ended the contact and blocked them on whatsapp etc. This is when I became convinced that my phone had been hacked as I received a notification on my phone, which I cancelled. I then received these text messages from someone else - nothing threatening - just general conversation - and then the Facebook notification.
Comment From sarah	Would the police go and get the other side of the story? Or just say if there is anything else that happens to recontact the police? Just seems to be a bit of a waste of police time and resources for a case of "my ex logged onto my Facebook"
Comment From sarah	I got a login notification from a different location and I have changed all my passwords now.



<p>Louise@Legal:</p>	<p>Based on one notification it is doubtful that the police would be able to take any action. It doesn't mean that it isn't a crime to log in to someone else's account if you know the password but it is proving it that would be the issue.</p> <p>Re the text messages, again it would depend on the number of messages and the content. In order for an offence of harassment to be committed then there has to be a course of conduct which means at least two incidents. Also the behaviour must cause alarm or distress and be oppressive so sending a few general text messages would not reach the criminal threshold of harassment.</p> <p>If there are other issues such as domestic violence either in the past or threats of it now then we would advise that you report the matter to the police.</p> <p>Keep an eye on things and keep a record of any issues that you suspect and it may be that his behaviour, if it continues and escalates would amount to harassment, see the link below for more details information on harassment. https://www.askthe.police.uk/content/Q151.htm</p> <p>I hope that this helps.</p>
<p>Comment From Guest</p>	<p>Hi Where can we go to for advice on premises security</p>
<p>Louise@Legal:</p>	<p>You can contact your local crime prevention officer at your local force and they should be able to advise you on security measures.</p>
<p>Caroline@Marketing</p>	<p>"Fantastic first event!</p> <p>Thanks for all your questions and comments.</p> <p>Don't forget to visit www.askthe.police.uk for a wealth of policing Q&A's and if you can't find an answer you can always contact us via the website.</p> <p>Bye for now - until the next web chat!</p> <p>From the team at 'Ask The Police'"</p>

