

EU Directive 93

Article 10(3) of the Directive 2011/93/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on combating the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child pornography, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2001/68/JHA

Criminal Records (Exchange of Information) Act 2019

Implementation of mandatory EU & UK checks for relevant work or activities with Children

The Garda National Vetting Bureau (GNVB) are taking a number of steps to advance and further strengthen our vetting process, working at all times to improve the robustness of the system and enhance the protections afforded to children.

As and from the 7th July 2025, to improve and enhance the protection of children, vetting for any relevant work or activities **with children** will now include additional checks with the other 26 EU member states and the UK. In summary, vetting subjects must declare if they have lived in any other EU member state or the UK.

These EU & UK checks are only conducted for persons whose role in your organisation involves relevant work or activities with children.

To support these safeguarding enhancements, vetting subjects (for roles with children who previously lived in an EU member state or the UK) will now be required to provide **more detailed information:**

For relevant applications, the following fields have been added to support accurate identification and efficiency of processing:

- City/Town of Birth
- Mother's Forename and Maiden Name
- Father's Forename and Surname
- Issuing Country of Passport
- The address section has been updated to easily accommodate international addresses.

Vetting subjects will also be asked if they hold an ID document from a European or UK country of previous residence. **These new questions are automatically built into the e-Vetting application process for applicants to complete.**

Impact on Application Turnaround Times

These EU and UK checks will **extend the processing time** for these applications. You should factor these timelines into your recruitment process.

- For applications requiring checks with an EU Country, allow for up to an additional 10 working days.
- For applications requiring checks with the UK, allow for up to an additional 20 working days.

These timelines are in line with established EU/UK policy and are outside the remit/control of the Diocese of Ferns and the GNVB.