



DBS announce increase in popularity of its Update Service

The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) has reported that it has had over one million subscribers to its Update Service. We have updated our guidance on using the DBS Update Service and how using it can enhance your record. Please note that you must register for the DBS Update Service before informing NRPSI about your subscription if you want us to keep your clearance record up to date.

Early bird registration for seminars at the London Language Show

The Language Show London will be held at the Business Design Centre from 13 to 15 October this year. Please note that, while entry to the Language Show remains free, the organisers have introduced an entry fee for the seminar programme. There is an early bird discount for those who purchase their seminar tickets online in advance of the event. The organisers have also informed us that the Language Show will not take place in Scotland in 2018.



Grenfell Tower Inquiry

Following the fire at Grenfell Tower in West London in June 2017, HM Government has appointed Sir Martin Moore-Bick to lead a public inquiry into the tragedy. It has been reported in the media that many of the survivors do not speak fluent English. NRPSI has therefore made a formal submission to the Inquiry to recommend that as part of its investigations that it reviews the public services' response to the language needs of those involved before, during and in the days following the disaster. We have also suggested that the Inquiry should obtain evidence of how the professional skills of those interpreters and translators used to communicate with survivors was assessed.



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NRPSI news

Further CPD events added to news section

The CPD events section of the NRPSI website is constantly updated, so please check it regularly. In addition to events aimed at language specialists, our listing also includes events that relate to the environments that interpreters may work in. For example, there are forthcoming events on working with victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault.

NRPSI Annual Review highlights the professionalism of Registrants

The fourth edition of the NRPSI Annual Review of Public Service Interpreting (published in July 2017) provides evidence of the high standards of professionalism maintained by Registered Interpreters. The average number of years that interpreters stay on the Register has increased to nearly ten years. Registrants hold a total of 2,691 interpreting qualifications between them. The number of different languages that Registrants offer has also increased to over a hundred.



Security clearance update

Those Registrants with CRB certificates issued in 2012 are reminded that they will soon reach, or may have already reached, the end of the five-year period during which they are accepted by NRPSI. The absence of a valid security clearance can lead to a registration being suspended. We therefore strongly recommend that you do not wait until you are contacted by us to obtain an updated clearance. For further information on our security clearances policy, please email admin@nrpsi.org.uk. (NB: 2012 was the last year that CRBs were produced, as the Disclosure and Barring Service was founded on 1 December 2012.)



Registered organisations exceed 2,250

There are now more than 2,250 organisations registered to search the National Register, and this figure increases by around 40 organisations every month. In accordance with good data protection practice, NRPSI carried out a major exercise in May 2017 to ensure that all website users who had not subscribed to the Users' Newsletter still wanted to search the Register. All those with inactive email addresses or who requested to have their details removed from our records no longer appear in our statistics.

I hope you find this issue an informative and enjoyable read. If you have a suggestion for inclusion in the newsletter, email admin@nrpsi.org.uk.

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