

## The ISA Mission Statement

‘Our aim is to help prevent unsuitable people from working with children and vulnerable adults.’

## The ISA Timeline within the Vetting and Barring Scheme

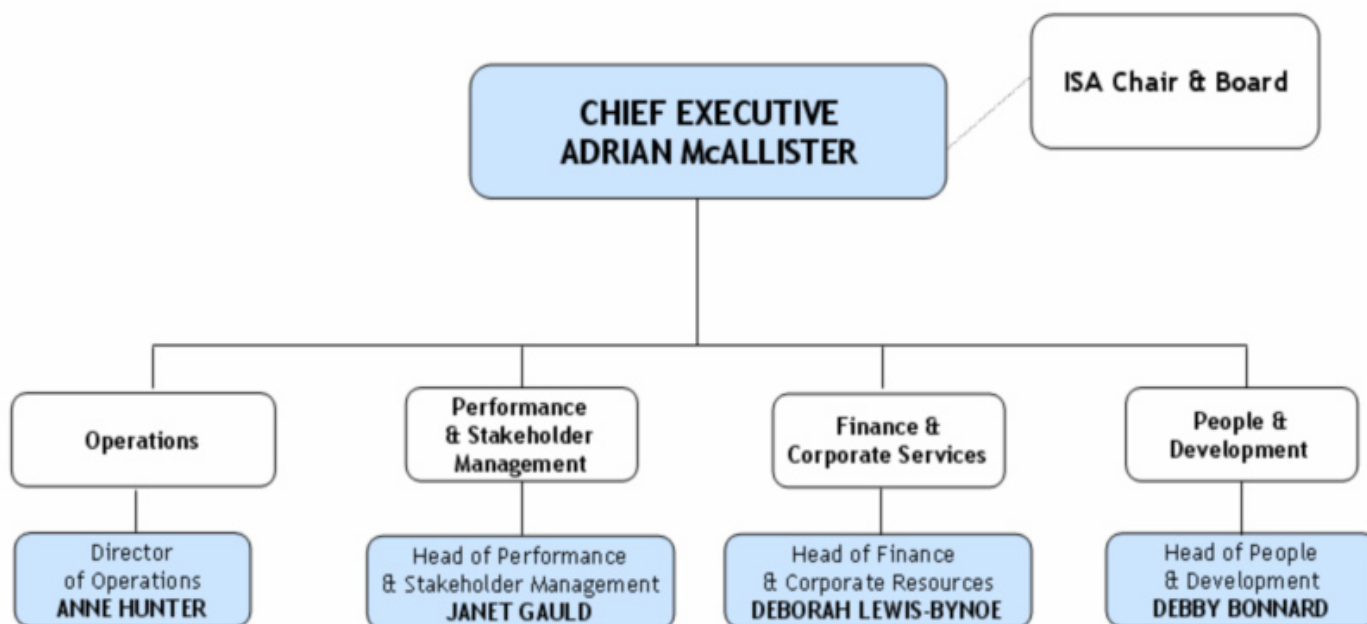
**20 January 2009** - the ISA assumed responsibility for making independent barring decisions from Department of Children Schools and Families and Department of Health.

**13 March 2009** - the ISA assumed responsibility for making barring decisions in Northern Ireland previously made by the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS).

**12 October 2009** - a new duty was introduced for employers, social services and professional regulators to refer information to the ISA where there is harm or risk of harm to children or vulnerable adults. This date also marked the end of the use of List 99, POCA and POVA lists. They have been replaced by two new lists, the Children’s Barred List and the Adults’ Barred List, both of which will be centrally administered by the ISA. From October 2009, the ISA began making barring decisions on referrals under the two new lists. These new barred lists will contain details of those individuals deemed unsuitable to work with either children or vulnerable adults.

## Organisation chart for the Independent Safeguarding Authority

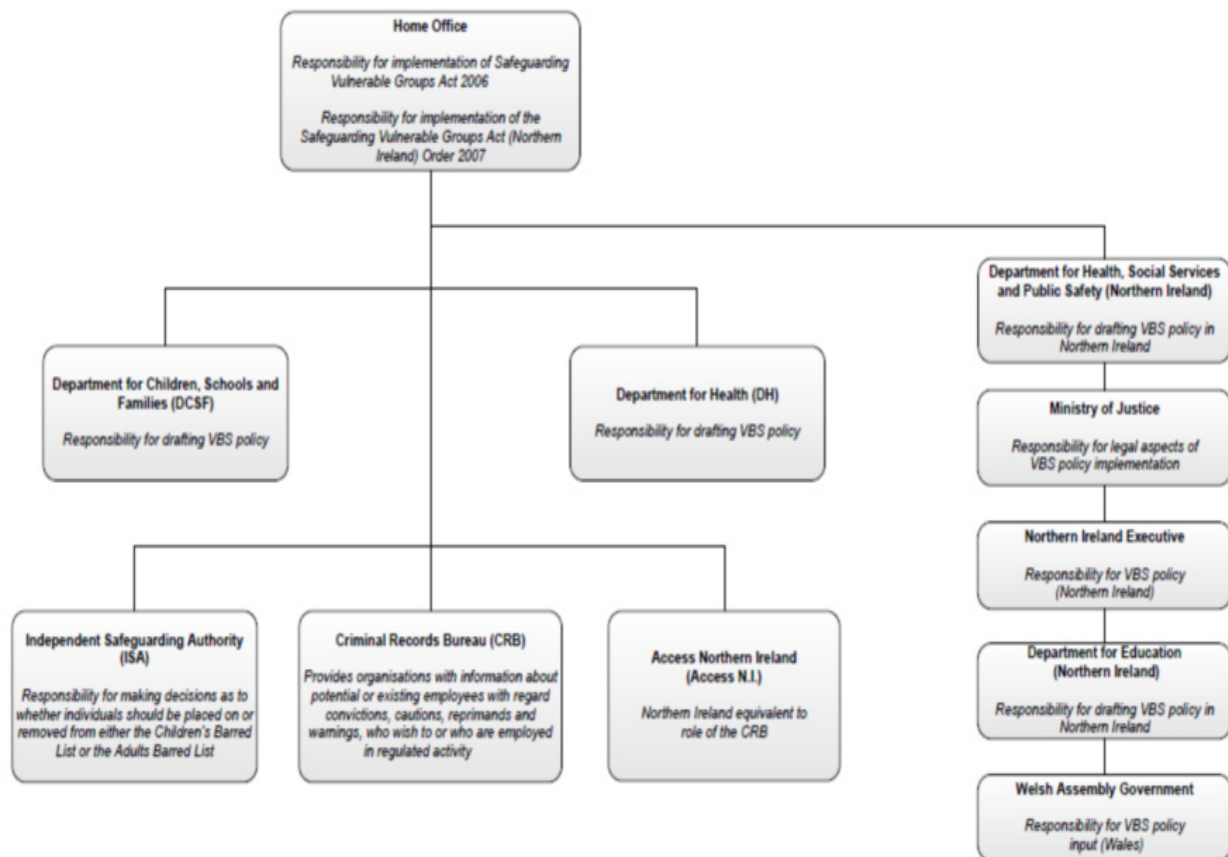
### Executive Management Team



## Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS) Partners

- The Home Office (HO) is the sponsor department for the Vetting and Barring Scheme.
- The Department of Health (DH) and the Department for Children, Schools and Family (DCSF) are also responsible for the policy around the Scheme.
- The Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) is responsible for administering the application/registration process and the continuous monitoring of individuals once registered with the Scheme.
- The ISA is responsible for making barring decisions based upon information received from the CRB, employers and regulatory bodies as well as maintaining the ISA's Children's Barred List and the ISA's Vulnerable Adult's Barred List.

## Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS) – Partner Schematic



## Media Relationships

The ISA is fully committed to maintaining an open and accessible dialogue with the media. Recognising the 24 hour nature of the media in general and broadcasting in particular, the communications team have put in place various channels of communication that will ensure ease of access allied to a commitment to ensure all enquiries are handled in a prompt and efficient manner.

We shall work in conjunction with our Chief Executive, Board members and other key personnel in providing interview and briefing opportunities to further expand upon the work the ISA undertakes within the Vetting and Barring Scheme.

General background information on the work of the ISA within the Vetting and Barring Scheme is available on our website [www.isa.gov.org.uk](http://www.isa.gov.org.uk)

For members of the general public (but not the media) there is a Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS) contact centre which provides members of the public with someone to speak to and respond to questions on all aspects of the Scheme. The number is **0300 123 1111**.

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## Please Note

Enquiries regarding Government policy concerning safeguarding and the Vetting and Barring Scheme are handled by the Home Office.

## Home Office

News Desk 020 7035 3535

## Vetting and Barring Scheme

News Desk 020 7035 3535

## Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF)

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## Department of Health

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## General Notes:

The ISA is able to disclose generic details of how a case is reviewed and the Structured Judgement Process that helps inform barring decisions. This information may also be found on the ISA website [www.isa.gov.org.uk](http://www.isa.gov.org.uk). We are not however able to comment upon individual cases.