



**BIRMINGHAM
CHILDREN'S TRUST**

ACRO Services and Requests for Non-Criminal Proceedings Following Brexit

Introduction

This guidance sets out the arrangements for criminal conviction requests from ACRO following the UK's departure from the European Union (EU).

As a safeguarding organisation, ACRO is committed to delivering effective and responsible criminal record information for safer communities in the UK and across the world. They remain committed to this purpose despite the UK no longer being part of the EU. Their work will continue to focus on co-operation and close working relationships with other European counterparts and internationally.

ACRO will continue to use their common communication infrastructure for exchanging criminal record information with EU Member States and both the UK and EU Members will continue to exchange criminal records in the same format as before. These provisions allow for the same capability for responding to different types of requests that were previously made. Exiting the EU will therefore have no impact upon their ability to process requests.

Social Worker Requests

ACRO will continue to respond to requests for criminal record information for a wide range of non-criminal proceedings.

Operationally, for the Trust, the process remains unchanged. The same forms and automated systems will continue to be used to submit requests and all contact details remain the same, so Social Workers should continue to submit these requests in the usual way. The only difference is that responses to requests will now have a 20-working day response time compared with the previous 10-working days.

Enquiries can be made to acro.development@acro.pnn.police.uk.