**1.4 I can carry out appropriate checks on others' online identities and different types of information**

It can be difficult to verify information such as online identities, because several sources of information may all be wrong or be based on different perspectives. There are resources online which can help with this such as are available from the government at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/identity-proofing-and-verification-of-an-individual/how-to-prove-and-verify-someones-identity>.

If someone is in a position which is regulated by a regulatory body, then one means of verifying their ID is to contact that regulator. There are for example the contact details for the different regulators of lawyers available at <https://legalchoices.org.uk/legal-choices/contact-a-legal-regulator>.

Alternatively, a check on another’s identity who does not occupy a professional title/ occupation can be made easier if the person concerned provides their ID, assuming it’s not fake. This can then be matched with information which an organisation may have about them. Other information might be what job they do/ where they work, and for how long. This can reduce the risk that a person is not who they say they are, but as identified above it may still yet be very difficult.