

Developments and issues in taxi licensing

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2014 -15

- Law Commission report into taxi and PHV legislation
 - Deregulation Bill proposals introduced...and partially withdrawn
 - Professor Jay report into CSE in Rotherham August 2014..
 - ..Dame Louise Casey's Rotherham inspection report February 2015
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LGA response

- Updated councillor handbook, including emergent and disruptive technologies
 - Series of taxi licensing conferences
 - Targeted support for councils
 - Lobbying for taxi/PHV reform Bill
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Government response

- Home Office working group on tackling child sexual exploitation and abuse
 - Safeguarding – new statutory guidance
 - No response to Law Commission or reform Bill...BUT this is expected later this year
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2015-16 (1) – new areas of focus..

- New models of taxi and PHV licensing cause tensions
 - Disability Training Private Members Bill
 - Tourism Action Plan
 - Commencement of Taxi Clauses in Equalities Act
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2015-6 (2)...similar areas of concern

- Information sharing issues:
 - Common Law Disclosures Policy
 - Information sharing protocols
 - Referrals to the Barred lists
 - Public Carriage Vehicles
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LGA focus for 2017

- Ongoing work by councils to strengthen taxi and PHV licensing
 - Ongoing LGA lobbying for reform Bill
 - Continued press interest and Parliamentary scrutiny
 - Government response to Law Commission ...commitment to reform?
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