

## **FOI 218/2017**

### **REQUEST**

1) Please advise if you have produced, or currently intend to produce, a list of wheelchair accessible:

a) taxis

and

b) private hire vehicles under the powers set out in S167 of the Equality Act 2010.

2) Please identify how many a) taxi and b) PHV drivers have applied for medical / physical impairment exemption under S166 of the Equality Act 2010 since S166 was commenced. If you've created a list under S167, please identify how many of the exemptions were in place before S167 and how many have been put in since.

3) Please state whether you voluntarily compiled a list of accessible taxis and private hire vehicles following the Department for Transport's guidance of 15th September 2010, which stated, in relation to section 167, "although the list of designated vehicles will have no actual effect in law until the duties are commenced, we would urge licensing authorities to start maintaining a list as soon as possible for the purpose of liaising with the trade and issuing exemption certificates". If you did produce such a voluntary list, please indicate when you did so, and provide the current list.

If you have produced a list of wheelchair accessible taxis and/or private hire vehicles under S167, or are going to, please tell me the following.

4) The date the list was instated or by which you intend to do so.

5) The accessibility requirements of a taxi for it to appear on the list.

6) How you intend to enforce drivers' compliance with S165.

7) The list.

### **RESPONSE**

Please see information below in response to your recent FOI request:

1) Yes we intend to produce a list of designated vehicles in our District.

2) None

3) No

4) Decision to implement Sections 165 & 167 of the FOI taken by the Licensing and Registration Committee on the 12 April. No list compiled or published as yet and is expected to be prepared over next six months.

5) We intend to publish on our designated list the make and model of the vehicle and whether it is able to carry wheelchairs larger than a standard 'reference wheelchair'. We also intend to publish the business telephone, web site and e-mail contacts of the companies and proprietors of designated wheelchair accessible taxi and private hire vehicles if they are known and available.

6) We do not completely understand the question as it is phrased. Unless drivers seek medical or physical exemption from the requirements to carry a person in a wheelchair in a designated vehicle they will be committing an offence and which

renders them liable to prosecution. If the question is asking how will we deal with requests for medical or physical exemptions, any persons seeking such an exemption will be referred at their own expense to an independent occupation health assessor not their own GP

7) Not in place yet.