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Dear «appnameshort»,

At the meeting of the Public Protection Committee held on Tuesday 22nd September 2015 it was agreed to consult with all private hire and hackney carriage drivers in relation to the introduction of compulsory training on safeguarding and child sexual exploitation.

The recommendations are as follows:

- That all new applicants for a private hire or hackney carriage drivers licence be required to complete a safeguarding/child sexual exploitation course prior to their licence being granted;
- That all existing drivers be required to have completed the training by the end of December 2016 or upon renewal of their licence whichever is sooner.
- That should an applicant fail to attend a training session without providing 24 hours' notice then a fee of £35 will be incurred.
- That any driver not attending a training session prior to 31st December 2016, without a good reason, may have their licence revoked.
- That a refresher training session be attended prior to any subsequent licence renewal.

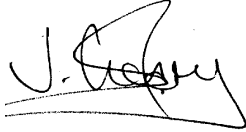
All training sessions will be run by the Borough Council and will be held at the Civic Offices and will last for approximately 1 hour. There will be no charge for the training.

I would appreciate any comments or feedback you may have regarding these recommendations. **The deadline for any responses is 5pm on Monday 2nd November 2015.** The recommendations and the outcome of the consultation

will be considered by the Public Protection Committee at its meeting on Tuesday 3rd November 2015.

Please send all responses to licensing@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk or write to the Licensing Department, Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council, Civic Offices, Merrial Street, Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs, ST5 2AG.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Cleary', with a horizontal line underneath.

Julia Cleary
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