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Our ref: Safeguarding		Please ask for:	Mr. Bates

18th December 2018

Dear Sir or Madam,

Consultation on changes to policy affecting the hackney and private hire trades.

It has been identified nationally that the hackney carriage and private hire drivers are in an ideal position to identify safeguarding incidents where an individual may be at risk and that all drivers should be trained to identify these incidents and on what action they can take to safeguard the vulnerable members of society. As such Eastleigh Borough Council now wishes to consult on adopting an addition to the policy for all drivers requiring them to have undertaken approved training either prior to first application or on renewal of the driver licence after 1st January 2020. This means drivers will need to refresh the training every three years. It is anticipated there will be funding to pay for existing drivers to undertake this training package as long as it is completed within one year of the start of the implementation, after this the cost is estimated to be £18 that applicants will need to pay the provider. This will however have to be submitted through the procurement process.

The new hackney carriage and private hire driver's policies will include the following:-

All applicants for hackney carriage/private hire drivers licences will have successfully completed safeguarding training approved by Eastleigh Borough Council within the previous three years.

You are invited to respond to these consultations by either letter addressed to:

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or by e-mail to: **licensing.consultation@eastleigh.gov.uk**

Please title the responses "EBC Safeguarding training"

The consultation will end on 18th February 2019.

Yours faithfully,

Phil Bates
Licensing Manager