



# SEND Transport

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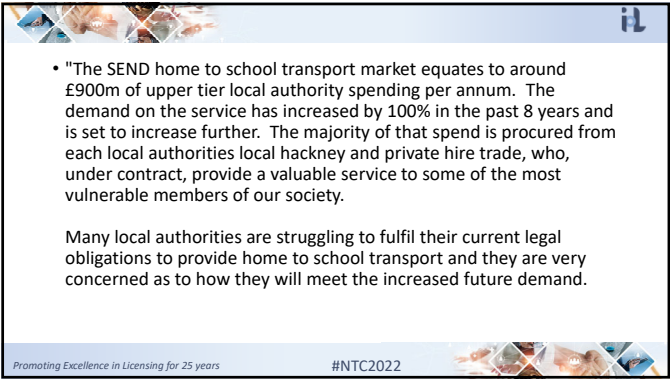


- "The SEND home to school transport market equates to around £900m of upper tier local authority spending per annum. The demand on the service has increased by 100% in the past 8 years and is set to increase further. The majority of that spend is procured from each local authorities local hackney and private hire trade, who, under contract, provide a valuable service to some of the most vulnerable members of our society.

Many local authorities are struggling to fulfil their current legal obligations to provide home to school transport and they are very concerned as to how they will meet the increased future demand.

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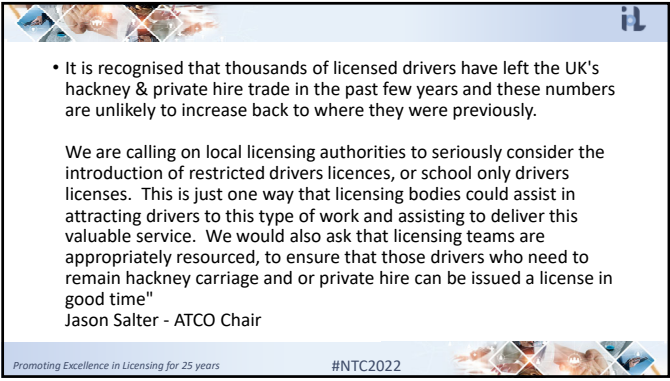
- It is recognised that thousands of licensed drivers have left the UK's hackney & private hire trade in the past few years and these numbers are unlikely to increase back to where they were previously.

We are calling on local licensing authorities to seriously consider the introduction of restricted drivers licences, or school only drivers licenses. This is just one way that licensing bodies could assist in attracting drivers to this type of work and assisting to deliver this valuable service. We would also ask that licensing teams are appropriately resourced, to ensure that those drivers who need to remain hackney carriage and or private hire can be issued a license in good time"

Jason Salter - ATCO Chair

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### Key Points

- Licensing authority licences operator, drivers and vehicles
- LEA contracts with Operator
- Operator uses licensed vehicles and drivers
- Children are taken to and from school

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### PH Licences

- Drivers are assessed as “fit and proper” by licensing authority
- Enhanced DBS with check of adult and children barred lists
- “Other Workforce – taxi”
- Vehicles are tested and licensed
- Operator holds contract and dispatched sdrivers and vehicles

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### LEA Contracts

- Contract with PH operator to provide services
- MUST undertake further enhanced DBS check for “Child Workforce”
- Should know who is driving, under what contact, and who they are licensed by

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Licensing Authority

- May issue restricted licences
- Should know which drivers are engaged by a particular operator
- Should know which LEAs their operators are contracted to

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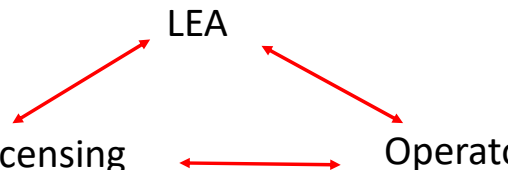




LEA


Licensing Authority

Operator



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Actions

- Only Licensing Authority can take action against licences
- LEA can remove drivers and operators under a contract

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### Information Exchange

- LEA reports concerns about the discharge of the contract to Operator
- LEA reports concerns about drivers to Operator and Licensing Authority
- Licensing Authority reports concerns about drivers to LEA and operator

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### Conclusions

- Much greater understanding of all parties by all parties
- Much more communication required
- Considered actions

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