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Important Information

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The telephone number for enquires is: 020 4551 8711 and will be open Monday to Thursday from 9am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4.30pm.

Most correspondence from the Office of the Traffic Commissioner will now be sent to operators digitally through the Vehicle Operator Licensing (VOL) Service or by email.

The best and most efficient way to reach us is digitally. Please upload documents through your VOL user account or send a direct message through VOL. There may be delays if you send correspondence to us by post.

If you wish to make an objection to a public service vehicle application it is recommended you send the details to PSVOperatorLicensing@otc.gov.uk clearly stating 'Objection' in the subject line.

If you are an existing operator without a VOL user account, and you would like one, please email Notifications@vehicle-operator-licensing.service.gov.uk and a member of staff will contact you as soon as possible to arrange this. You will need to answer some security questions.

General Notes

Layout and presentation – Entries in each section (other than in section 5) are listed in alphabetical order. Each entry is prefaced by a reference number, which should be quoted in all correspondence or enquiries.

Further notes precede sections where appropriate.

Accuracy of publication – Details published of applications and requests reflect information provided by applicants. The Traffic Commissioner cannot be held responsible for applications that contain incorrect information.

Our website includes details of all applications listed in this booklet. The website address is: www.gov.uk/traffic-commissioners

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Section 1 – PSV Operator Licensing

A statutory objector may inspect a public service vehicle operator's licence or application under Regulation 4 of The Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) Regulations 1995 by setting out their authority and requesting arrangements are made for inspecting the record by emailing – enquiries@otc.gov.uk

Objections against applications for licences must be made in writing by a Chief Officer of Police or by a local authority within 21 days of the date on which notice of an application is published in Notices and Proceedings. Objections must be made on the grounds that one or more of the requirements mentioned in Sections 14(1) and (3) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 are not satisfied in relation to the application. A copy of the objection must be sent by the objector to the applicant at the same time that it is sent to the Traffic Commissioner. The onus of proof in terms of the grounds on which an objection is lodged lies with the objector. There is no right of objection against an application for a special licence submitted under Section 12 of the Transport Act 1985.

Classification of Operator Licences – There are four classes of licence:

- A **Standard International (SI)** licence authorises the use of any description of public service vehicle on both national and international operations;
- A **Standard National (SN)** licence authorises the use of any description of public service vehicle on national operations;
- A **Restricted licence (R)** authorises the use of:
  a) public service vehicles not adapted to carry more than eight passengers; and
  b) those not adapted to carry more than sixteen passengers when used otherwise than in the course of a business of carrying passengers or by a person whose main occupation is not the operation of public service vehicles adapted to carry more than eight passengers;
- A **Special Restricted (SR**) licence, issued under Section 12 of the Transport Act 1985, authorises the holder of a taxi or private hire vehicle licence to operate local services.

Appeals in connection with PSV Operator Licences must be lodged with the Upper Tribunal – Administrative Appeal Chamber (Transport), 5th Floor, Rolls Building, 7 Rolls Buildings, Fetter Lane, London, EC4A 1NL not later than one month after the date of the letter conveying the Traffic Commissioner's (or Deputy Traffic Commissioner's) decision. Appellants can obtain guidance on lodging appeals, including downloading the appeal form, from the website: www.administrativeappeals.tribunals.gov.uk

Any previous entry in Notices and Proceedings is indicated by the publication number in brackets.

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Section 1.1 – New Applications Received

PD2095341 SI **VANGUARD SUPPORT & TRAVEL LIMITED**
Director(s): Hema Kishto Mungroo, Saghwat Hussain, Mohammed Jibran Saeid
47-50 HOCKLEY HILL, BIRMINGHAM, B18 5AQ
Operating Centre: Mercedes Spares Ltd, 180 Stratford Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham, B11 1AQ
Authorisation: 2 vehicle(s)
Transport Manager(s): Hema Kishto Mungroo

PD2093476 SN **Menfor construction services ltd**
Director(s): Mandip Singh
MENFOR Construction SERVICES LTD, UNIT 10, MONMER CLOSE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, WILLENHALL, WV13 1JR
Operating Centre: MENFOR SERVICES LTD, UNIT 10, MONMER CLOSE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, WILLENHALL, WV13 1JR
Authorisation: 1 vehicle(s)
Transport Manager(s): Lovedip Mallar

Section 1.2 – New Applications Granted

PD2094359 SN **Mohammed Khalil**

21 WELBY ROAD, BIRMINGHAM, B28 8HP
Operating Centre: 21 WELBY ROAD, BIRMINGHAM, B28 8HP
Authorisation: 1 vehicle(s)
Transport Manager(s): Sidrah Khalil
New Undertaking: Vehicles with eight passenger seats or less will not be operated under the licence without the prior written agreement of the Traffic Commissioner who may require you to agree to certain undertakings. Attached to Licence.
New Undertaking: Limousines and novelty type vehicles are not to be operated under this operator's licence Attached to Licence.
New Undertaking: Vehicles with seating capacity of more than 16 passenger seats, will not be operated from or parked at the operating centre at 21 WELBY ROAD, BIRMINGHAM, B28 8HP Attached to Operating Centre: 21 WELBY ROAD, BIRMINGHAM, B28 8HP

Section 1.3 – New Applications Refused

No entries

Section 1.4 – Variation Applications Granted

PD1135593 SI **ASA TRAVEL LTD**
Director(s): ARSHAD HUSSAIN
67 OLD FARM ROAD, STECHFORD, BIRMINGHAM, B33 9HJ
Transport Manager(s): Athsham Hussain
Upgrade of Licence from Standard National to Standard International

Section 1.5 – Variation Applications Refused

No entries

Section 1.6 – Licences Surrendered

PD2004679 SI **Licence surrendered WEF 23 October 2026**
ROWE COACHES LIMITED
Director(s): DAVID ROWE
18 ST. DECLAN CLOSE, NUNEATON, CV10 8LP

Section 1.7 – Application Withdrawn Prior to Determination

PD2094312 SN **Gulzabaid Khan**

PD2094359 SN **Mohammed Khalil**

PD2092176 R **THE BARK BUS MIDLANDS LTD**
Director(s): Isabel Graciella Crame, Amun Singh Gidda

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No entries

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Section 2 – Registration of Local Bus Services

When an application is sent to the Office of the Traffic Commissioner, a copy of all application forms and supporting documents must also be sent to each of the county councils and unitary authorities in whose area the service will operate. Failure to do so may delay acceptance of that application.

Some of the periods of notice applicable before the operation of registered services, including variations or cancellations, are at the discretion of the Traffic Commissioner. In such cases the application must be accompanied by a written explanation of why a short notice period is required.

Copies of local bus service registrations can be made available for inspection under section 56 of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 by emailing – copyregistrations@otc.gov.uk

Our website contains details of all applications listed in this section. The address is: www.gov.uk

Multi operator travelcards and BODS

Operators with registered local bus services in England will be aware of obligations to provide information on routes and timetables, fares, and vehicle location data to the Bus Open Data Service. A recent Bus Open Data (BODS) development is the ability to accept fares details for multi operator travelcards, thus it is now a mandatory requirement for this information to be provided to BODS. Failure to do so may result in regulatory action by the Traffic Commissioners. Equally importantly, details of these products will not be available on BODS and therefore journey planners and apps may not contain these products.

To prevent multiple recording of such tickets (and prevent inadvertent recording of conflicting information), BODS has been set up to receive a "master" notification for each multi operator travelcard product from one "lead" operator, with all other participating operators then able to provide only the details of the routes/services included in the scheme product. The nominated lead operator need not be the operator administering or controlling the scheme, and indeed many such schemes are led by the local transport authority or an independent third party. As such, it will be necessary to agree within the scheme who the "lead" operator is to be.

The "lead" operator must supply to BODS details of the geographic scope of the multi operator travelcard, the products that are available (child day, adult week, adult month etc) and the prices of these, how these products can be paid for, and the National Operator Codes (NOCs) of the other participating operators. They also need to advise which of their own services are included. Once these data have been uploaded to BODS, all the other participating operators will be notified and will then be able to upload details of their services that are included in the scheme.

It is imperative that operators act quickly to agree the "lead" operator and commence the process of uploading data to BODS. In case of any queries, please refer these to the BODS helpdesk.

Section 2.1 – Registration of New Services

No entries

Section 2.2 – Registration of New Services Granted Under Short Notice

PB2085973/17 **SMT BUS AND COACH LTD, 60 SPEY DRIVE, AUCKLEY, DONCASTER, DN9 3JL**
From: Chesterfield, New Beetwell Street (B1)
To: Hawksley Avenue, Newbold
Via: Chesterfield, New Beetwell Street (B1) Newbold, Cricketers Inn Newbold, Ringwood
Name or No.: 5
Service type: Normal Stopping
Effective date: 26 October 2026
Other details: Monday to Friday Only (Excl Bank Holidays)

PD0000003/200 **FIRST POTTERIES LTD, FIRST POTTERIES LTD, DIVIDY ROAD, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5YY**
From: Hanley Bus Station
To: Wolstanton Retail Park
Via: Etruria Valley
Name or No.: 51
Service type: Normal Stopping
Effective date: 01 November 2026
Other details: Saturday.

PD1126532/23 **GOING MY WAY LTD, 3 BASSETT CLOSE, CHEADLE, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST10 1UU**
From: Angels Way, Middleport
To: Wolsatanton Retail Park
Via: City Centre Bus Station, Hanley,
Name or No.: 49
Service type: Normal Stopping / Circular
Effective date: 26 October 2026
Other details: Monday to Friday

PD1126532/24 **GOING MY WAY LTD, 3 BASSETT CLOSE, CHEADLE, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST10 1UU**
From: City Centre Bus Station, Hanley
To: Wolstanton Retail Park
Via:
Name or No.: 51
Service type: Normal Stopping / Circular
Effective date: 26 October 2026
Other details: Monday to Saturday

PD1128125/187 **D & G BUS LIMITED, MOSSFIELD ROAD, ADDERLEY GREEN, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5BW**
From: Hanley Bus Station,
To: Jonathan Road, Trentham, World of Wedgwood, Barlaston
Via: Stoke, Longton, Newstead
Name or No.: 40 / 40A
Service type: Normal Stopping
Effective date: 01 November 2026
Other details: Monday to Saturday, Excluding Bank holiday Mondays, Christmas day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.

PD1128125/186 **D & G BUS LIMITED, MOSSFIELD ROAD, ADDERLEY GREEN, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5BW**
From: Meole Brace Park & Ride
To: Castle Street, Shrewsbury
Via:
Name or No.: Meole brace Park & Ride (MPR)
Service type: Limited Stop
Effective date: 01 November 2026
Other details: Monday to Saturday, Excluding Bank Holiday Mondays, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day

PD0000003/201 **FIRST POTTERIES LTD, FIRST POTTERIES LTD, DIVIDY ROAD, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5YY**
From: Hanley Bus Station
To: Middleport, Angels Way
Via: Burslem
Name or No.: 49
Service type: Normal Stopping
Effective date: 01 November 2026
Other details: Saturday.

Section 2.3 – Applications to Vary Existing Services

No entries

Section 2.4 – Applications to Vary Existing Services Granted Under Short Notice

PD0000479/339 **MIDLAND RED (SOUTH) LIMITED, UNIT 7-8, MINTON BUSINESS CENTRE, MAIN ROAD, FAR COTTON, NORTHAMPTON, NN4 8ES**
Operating between Rugby Merlin Close and Rugby Gateway given service number 1 / 2 effective from 31 October 2026. To amend Timetable.

PD0000003/197 **FIRST POTTERIES LTD, FIRST POTTERIES LTD, DIVIDY ROAD, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5YY**
Operating between Hanley Bus Station and Hanley Bus Station given service number 5 effective from 01 November 2026. To amend Timetable.

PD0000003/155 **FIRST POTTERIES LTD, FIRST POTTERIES LTD, DIVIDY ROAD, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5YY**
Operating between Hanley Bus Station and Biddulph/Kidsgrove given service number 7 / 7A effective from 01 November 2026. To amend Timetable.

PD0000003/137 **FIRST POTTERIES LTD, FIRST POTTERIES LTD, DIVIDY ROAD, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5YY**
Operating between Hanley Bus Station and Ball Green given service number 8 effective from 01 November 2026. To amend Timetable.

PD0000003/193 **FIRST POTTERIES LTD, FIRST POTTERIES LTD, DIVIDY ROAD, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5YY**
Operating between Hanley Bus Station and Milton Cross Roads given service number 43 effective from 01 November 2026. To amend Route and Timetable.

PD1128125/154 **D & G BUS LIMITED, MOSSFIELD ROAD, ADDERLEY GREEN, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5BW**
Operating between City Centre Bus Station, Stoke on Trent and Kings Street, Kidsgrove or Wharf Road, Biddulph given service number 7 / 7A effective from 01 November 2026. To amend Route and Timetable.

PD1128125/60 **D & G BUS LIMITED, MOSSFIELD ROAD, ADDERLEY GREEN, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5BW**
Operating between Warph Road, Biddulph and Clayton Library, Kingsbridge Avenue, Newcastle under Lyme given service number 9 / 9A / 9B effective from 01 November 2026. To amend Timetable.

PD1128125/83 **D & G BUS LIMITED, MOSSFIELD ROAD, ADDERLEY GREEN, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5BW**
Operating between Botany Bay Road, Birches Head, Stoke on Trent and Earls Drive, Clayton, Newcastle under Lyme given service number 2 effective from 01 November 2026. To amend Timetable.

PD1128125/142 **D & G BUS LIMITED, MOSSFIELD ROAD, ADDERLEY GREEN, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5BW**
Operating between Hanley Bus Station and Abbotts Square, Abbey Hulton, Stoke on Trent given service number 5 effective from 01 November 2026. To amend Timetable.

PD0000003/190 **FIRST POTTERIES LTD, FIRST POTTERIES LTD, DIVIDY ROAD, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5YY**
Operating between Hanley Bus Station and Hanley Bus Station given service number 38 / 39A / 39 / 38A effective from 01 November 2026. To amend Timetable.

PD2049888/9 **CHASERIDER BUSES LTD, D&G BUS LTD, MOSSFIELD ROAD, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5BW**
Operating between Guildhall Shopping centre, stop 3, Earl Street, Stafford and Castle Street, Eccleshall, Stafford given service number 432 effective from 18 May 2026. To amend Route and Timetable.

Section 2.5 – Cancellations of Existing Services

No entries

Section 2.6 – Cancellations of Existing Services Granted Under Short Notice

PD0000003/194 **FIRST POTTERIES LTD, FIRST POTTERIES LTD, DIVIDY ROAD, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5YY**
Operating between Hanley Bus Station and Hanley Bus Station given service number 40 / 40A effective from 01 November 2026.

PD0000003/195 **FIRST POTTERIES LTD, FIRST POTTERIES LTD, DIVIDY ROAD, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5YY**
Operating between Newcastle Bus Station and Newcastle Bus Station given service number 9 effective from 01 November 2026.

PD0000003/198 **FIRST POTTERIES LTD, FIRST POTTERIES LTD, DIVIDY ROAD, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5YY**
Operating between Stoke Rail Station and Stoke Rail Station given service number 501 effective from 01 November 2026.

PD0000003/196 **FIRST POTTERIES LTD, FIRST POTTERIES LTD, DIVIDY ROAD, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5YY**
Operating between Hanley Bus Station and Hanley Bus Station given service number 2 effective from 01 November 2026.

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Section 3 – Traffic Regulation Conditions

Section 3.1 – Requests

Section 3.2 – Determinations

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Section 4 – Public Inquiries

Anyone wishing to observe a physical or virtual public inquiry must request to do so from the relevant Office of the Traffic Commissioner in advance of the hearing. Due to space or technology restrictions we may not be able to accommodate all requests.

Please contact Westmidlandshc@otc.gov.uk for further information.

There is no obligation on the traffic commissioner to provide a transcript of proceedings. Any decision to release will refer to the reasons for the request and there may be restrictions placed on its use. That request should be made via the relevant Office of The Traffic Commissioner and the applicant must understand that they will be liable for the cost of producing the transcript. This will vary according to demand and size of content.

Appeals in connection with PSV Operator Licences must be lodged with the Upper Tribunal – Administrative Appeal Chamber (Transport), 5th Floor, Rolls Building, 7 Rolls Buildings, Fetter Lane, London, EC4A 1NL not later than one month after the date of the letter conveying the Traffic Commissioner's (or Deputy Traffic Commissioner's) decision. Appellants can obtain guidance on lodging appeals, including downloading the appeal form, from the website: www.administrativeappeals.tribunals.gov.uk

Section 4.1 – Notice of Public Inquiries to be Held

No entries

Section 4.2 – Decisions Taken at Public Inquiries

No entries

Section 4.3 – Notice of Transport Manager Public Inquiries to be Held

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 481270, Public Inquiry ID: 107832) for ANA-ALEXANDRA STANCULESCU-RISTEA to be held at The Court Room (Cambridge), CB2 8BF, Eastern Traffic Area, Eastbrook, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge,
on 26 November 2026 commencing at 10:00 (Previous Publication:(2777))
Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 483942, Public Inquiry ID: 107925) for PETER JOHN DAVISON to be held at Quarry House (Leeds), LS2 7UE, Quarry House, Leeds,
on 9 December 2026 commencing at 10:00
Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 484276, Public Inquiry ID: 108002) for BRENDAN ROLAND TRISTAN FURNESS to be held at Swyddfeydd Penrallt Offices, LL55 1BN, Ffordd Pafiliwn, Gwynedd, Caernarfon,
on 22 January 2027 commencing at 10:00
Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 483207, Public Inquiry ID: 107881) for OLIVIA DUNKLEY to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Warrington), WA3 2SH, Suite 4, Stone Cross Place, Stone Cross Lane North, Golborne, Warrington,
on 9 December 2026 commencing at 14:00
Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 483830, Public Inquiry ID: 107882) for Mr JOSHUA TEALE to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Warrington), WA3 2SH, Suite 4, Stone Cross Place, Stone Cross Lane North, Golborne, Warrington,
on 9 December 2026 commencing at 10:00
Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3

Section 4.4 – Decisions Taken at Transport Manager Public Inquiries

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 480260, Public Inquiry ID: 106825) for Mr MATTHEW ANTHONY BURWOOD to be held at The IBIS Styles Hotel Haydock, 4 Galway Crescent, Piele Road, Haydock St Helens WA11 0GR,
on 2 July 2026 commencing at 10:00 (Previous Publication:(2770))
Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3

1. Mr. Burwood has LOST HIS GOOD REPUTE as a Transport Manager. Mr. Burwood is DISQUALIFIED FROM ACTING AS A TRANSPORT MANAGER on any licence in Great Britain for a period of 12 MONTHS, effective from 02.07.26, at 23:45 until 02.07.27, at 23:45;

2. The REHABILITATION MEASURE for Mr. Burwood is as follows: To apply to the Traffic Commissioner for the restoration of his good repute as a TM, Mr. Burwood needs to spend at least 50 hours learning about being a TM from an experienced TM. That TM should be shown this letter. To fulfil the rehabilitation measure, the TM he has spent time with should produce a letter, on headed paper, setting out:
a. Full details of Mr. Burwood's work with them and what Mr. Burwood did or learned about when he was with them on each occasion;
b. The TM should confirm that they saw this letter before they started working with Mr. Burwood.
Without the above detail or confirmation, the rehabilitation measure will not be regarded as having been fulfilled.

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 482066, Public Inquiry ID: 107378) for Mr JOSHUA KEEPINGS to be held at 3 Llys Cadwyn, CF37 4TH, Pontypridd,
on 19 October 2026 commencing at 10:00 (Previous Publication:(2775))
Sch.3 - Formal warning issued.

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 482067, Public Inquiry ID: 107379) for Mr KENNETH NIGEL KEEPINGS to be held at 3 Llys Cadwyn, CF37 4TH, Pontypridd,
on 19 October 2026 commencing at 10:00 (Previous Publication:(2775))
Sch.3 - Repute is severely tarnished but not lost.

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 480103, Public Inquiry ID: 106985) for IAIN NORMAN MORRISON to be held at Level 6 (Edinburgh), EH1 3EG, The Stamp Office, 10 Waterloo Place, Edinburgh,
on 17 July 2026 commencing at 10:00 (Previous Publication:(2765))
Warning issued.

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Section 5 – Corrections

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Section 6 – Special Notices

On 5th March 2023 the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) became the Bus Service Registration Authority for local bus services within the West Midlands, using powers

granted by the Transport Act 1985. The Authority is now responsible for processing applications to register, vary or cancel local bus services that operate wholly within the West Midlands Combined Authority area. These services will not appear in the Notices and Proceedings and can be viewed at https://www.tfwm.org.uk/who-we-are/what-we-do/bus-services/bus-service-registrations-within-the-west-midlands/. For other services which operate cross-border, the Traffic Commissioner remains the registration authority.

Services that have been transferred to WMCA will show as 'Admin Cancelled' on the gov.uk website.

West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) Franchising Scheme

The West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) have published their intention to introduce a bus franchising scheme. A Transition Notice has been published and is available here:
https://governance.wmca.org.uk/documents/s25457/WMCA%20Bus%20Franchising%20Transitional%20Notice%2015May25%20Version%20for%20Publication.pdf.

Any application to vary or cancel a registration for services wholly within the franchising area are subject to an extended notice period of up to 112 days. New registrations will continue under the usual timeframes.

On commencement of the scheme the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) will take responsibility for registering services wholly within the franchising area. These services will no longer appear in Notices & Proceedings, and Traffic Commissioner records will be marked as "Admin Cancelled" on GOV.UK.

Carriage of passengers to designated association football matches.

Legal Requirements

PSV operators are reminded of the terms of section 1(1) of the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol) Act 1985, as amended by the Public Order Act 1986, which prohibits the carriage of alcohol on a PSV that is being used for the principal purpose of carrying passengers for the whole or part of a journey to or from a designated sporting event.

PSV operators are also reminded of the terms of section 2A of the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol) Act 1985, as amended by the Public Order Act 1986, which prohibits the possession of a firework or an article or substance, whose main purpose is the emission of a flare, smoke or a visible gas, at any time during the period of, while entering or trying to enter a designated sporting event.

A 'designated sporting event' generally means certain association football matches, whether national or international, as defined in Schedule 2 of the Sports Grounds and Sporting Events (Designation) Order 2005 (as amended). It is an offence for an operator of a PSV (or his servant or agent) to knowingly cause or permit the carriage of alcohol on journeys to which these Regulations apply.

Voluntary Guidelines on the carriage of passengers to association football matches - England and Wales

For many years the PSV industry has complied with a voluntary code of practice whereby operators taking passengers to a designated sporting event meet certain guidelines set by the police. This has worked very well, and it has seldom been necessary for a traffic commissioner to take any further action against an operator who has contravened the guidelines. Nevertheless the police in England and Wales are concerned that incidents of football related violence and disorder do still occur.

The guidelines were drafted in conjunction with the Confederation of Passenger Transport (CPT), the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), the Coach Operators Federation (COF) and the Association of Transport Coordinating Officers (ATCO) and are set out below:

a. PSV operators taking bookings from groups of supporters are to notify the relevant Dedicated Football Officer (DFO), at least 48 hours before the event, of the number of supporters expected to travel, the number of vehicles booked, the name and the contact number for the person who made the booking. Once available the operator must also notify the VRM and driver's name to the relevant Dedicated Football Officer.

   For the purpose of these guidelines, the relevant Dedicated Football Officer means the DFO for the club that the fans are travelling to support. For example, West Ham are playing a premier league game away to Leeds United. Operator A has been contracted to transport West Ham fans from Romford and the relevant DFO is the DFO for West Ham. Operator B has been contracted to carry Leeds United fans to the game from Barrow in Furness. In this case the relevant DFO is the DFO for Leeds.

b. Vehicles are not to stop within 10 miles of the venue either enroute to, or on departure from the event unless prior agreement is obtained from the relevant Dedicated Football Officer.

c. Unless directed by a police officer, PSVs may stop at premises where intoxicating liquor is sold only if it is sold ancillary to a substantial meal. Prior agreement for meal stops where alcohol is available should be sought from the operator's relevant Dedicated Football Officer.

d. PSVs are to arrive at the venue no earlier than two hours before and not later than one hour before the scheduled start of the game, unless otherwise directed by police.

e. PSVs are not to set down or uplift passengers at any unauthorised locations without prior permission of the police.

f. PSVs must leave the venue within 30 minutes of the finish of the event, unless directed otherwise by a police officer or ground safety officer.

g. PSV operators are to follow all reasonable instruction given by police or enforcement officers at all times. This includes, but is not limited to, routing and stopping arrangements.

h. Intoxicating liquor, flares and similar pyrotechnics, must not be carried on PSVs travelling to or from designated grounds. Operators will draw hirers' attention to the requirements of the law, and drivers shall, as far as reasonably practical, supervise boarding passengers and check that they are not obviously carrying intoxicating alcohol, flares and similar pyrotechnics. Drivers will not be expected to carry out baggage or body searches, nor will they be expected to confiscate alcohol or to remove passengers without police assistance. Operators may add a condition of entry to the PSV that a voluntary search may be undertaken.

i. PSV operators are to notify the Dedicated Football Officer at the destination upon arrival at an away football ground, of any chanting demonstrating hostility based on race, ethnicity religion or beliefs, sexual orientation, disability, and transgender identity or chanting of an otherwise grossly offensive or inflammatory nature which had taken place during the journey to the ground.

j. PSV operators are to have established safeguarding policies when carrying persons under the age of 18 years old. This is to include arrangements for the nomination of at least one responsible adult for the minors carried.

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