

**North Tyneside Council
Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy**

Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) in Vehicles

The purpose of CCTV is to provide a safe environment for the benefit of the driver and passengers by:

- Deterring and preventing the occurrence of crime
- Reducing the fear of crime
- Assisting the Police and Licensing Officers in investigating incidents of crime and/or complaints
- Assisting insurance companies in investigating motor vehicle accidents.

Where a CCTV system or similar recording device is in place it is a requirement that the proprietor must register their use of a CCTV system with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018. Further information is available at <https://ico.org.uk/>

Any vehicle fitted with CCTV must display a sign approved by the Licensing Authority advising passengers that a CCTV system is in operation in the vehicle.

Where CCTV is in place in a vehicle it must be in full working order when passengers are being carried. The CCTV system must be maintained to manufacturers' standards.

The CCTV footage must be available for viewing by a Police Officer or an Authorised Officer of the Authority when a request to view the footage is made in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018. Any failure to comply with such a request will be reported to the Licensing Section of the Authority for consideration of the appropriate action to be taken.

Any reports of misuse of CCTV will be referred to the relevant authority, for example, the Surveillance Camera Commissioner and the Information Commissioner's Office as well as the Authority.