



Please reply to: Mr Shaun Rackley

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Mr J Lawrence-Ball



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Your ref:

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Date: 20 January 2021

Dear Mr Lawrence-Ball

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

Medical information required

I am writing to you following a Licensing Sub-Committee hearing which was heard on the 14th January 2021, this was to determine if you remain a fit and proper person to hold a Licensed Drivers badge with this Local Authority following an accumulation of DVLA points and failure to report these issues.

During the hearing and from your previous submission to the Committee members, you have highlighted that you have suffered with mental health in recent years, most notably last year and you are still struggling with it occasionally to date. As a Licensed Driver carrying fare paying members of the public, it is paramount that all medical illnesses/conditions which may affect your driving capabilities are reported to the Licensing Authority, which is something you have not done. The Licensing Sub Committee has adjourned your hearing until the **18th February 2021** in order for you to obtain a medical letter from your G.P. or a doctor within your medical practice that has full access to your records. Or alternatively, a specialist report if you are undergoing treatment for mental health or mental illness. This is to help members determine if you remain medically fit to hold a Licence.

The information we require (and it is not limited to) is as follows:-

- What mental health or mental illness you are currently suffering from as you did not declare this.
- Information on any medication that you are taking in relation to mental health/illness.
- Background history in relation to your mental health/illness
- Does the G.P. or specialist consider you medically fit and have no concerns about your mental health, especially in regards to driving and/or, whilst carrying passengers?

The G.P. or specialist should have regard to the DVLA's medical guidance in relation to

Schools and services for children and young people • social care and housing • recycling, waste disposal and clean streets • community safety • roads and transportation • town planning • tourism, harbours and economic regeneration • consumer protection and licensing • leisure, museums, libraries and arts

If you require this in a different format or language, please contact me.

Group 2 medical conditions as laid out by the DVLA, this is due to you being a professional driver. If there are concerns then the matter should also be referred to the DVLA through their reporting mechanisms as required under their guidance.

Please can you ensure you book an appointment as soon as possible and return the required information by no later than the **16th February 2021** in preparation for the hearing.

If you or your G.P./specialist wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the number above, or via email.

I look forward to receiving the information in due course.

Should you need to contact us please quote the reference number above.

Yours sincerely



Mr Shaun Rackley
Licensing Officer
Licensing & Public Protection

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