

1. The Children's Society:

Good afternoon,

Thank you for the opportunity to consider the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy.

The draft policy indicates

Safeguarding and Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Training

All new applicants must have undergone the Council's approved Safeguarding and Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness training courses within 12 months of being licensed.

In my view it will also be useful to consider whether it is also necessary and appropriate to require current licence holders to complete a provided course, as well as new applicants. Consideration should also be given to whether refresher courses should be mandatory after a given period of licencing.

2. Essex Safeguarding Adults Board, Essex County Council:

Hi

In relation to the Safeguarding and Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Training section

I think you need to be more specific in relation to the safeguarding element. I would request that you include the wording 'child and adult' to ensure that both areas are noted as a requirement (even if the training the safeguarding is jointly undertaken)