

Toolkit for Other Options – Taxi and CCTV

This toolkit includes information about options for law enforcement and safeguarding agencies to disrupt activity linked to child exploitation in specific locations and prevent perpetrators and others from exploiting children.

Having understanding of different offences will assist in frank and open strategy and planning discussions where a child or children are at risk in our community. Provide for appropriate peer challenge and examine the full range of powers and options available to the agencies to reduce risks for children from those who are perpetrating harm towards them.

As part of children and their family seeing justice for those that harm them, all practitioners have a duty to report and or take appropriate action to share information where a crime is suspected to have taken place and or undertake safeguarding planning for children at risk such as hold a strategy meeting.

Taxis and Private Hire Cars

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<p>Where children who are exploited are using taxis</p>	<p>If a taxi or private hire vehicle or business is causing concern in relation to CE incidents, consideration should be given to: liaising with local authority licensing team regarding compliance with legislation and conditions of licence and revocation of licence as appropriate.</p> <p>Also consider whether individuals have completed CE awareness training as part of licence conditions: briefing police teams including traffic police teams.</p> <p>Flag the vehicles used, to promote disruption seizing vehicle journey logs and passenger information from private hire vehicle operator's prosecution if evidence is available of offences including child abduction, s14 sexual offences or trafficking.</p>	<p>Immediate cease of children being picked up by taxi to be transported to harm.</p> <p>Provides Philomena plans with quality content about children who go missing</p> <p>Prevent exploitation and sexual assaults.</p> <p>Use LA approved taxi firms if a residential/provider- install password for bookings set by staff.</p> <p>Reducing harm to children and holding drivers responsible for their part in exploitation reduction and prevention</p>

CCTV

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Where children who are exploited can be viewed by CCTV	<p>Police have powers which they may be able to use to seize CCTV to assist with investigations.</p> <p>Housing authorities also have CCTV around their properties <u>which they are able to share for safeguarding purposes</u>, for example to ascertain who has entered a specified property of concern, or to identify whether a missing child has been to a particular property.</p>	<p>Quickly shutting down area or property of concern.</p> <p>Reduce exploitation and sexual assaults.</p> <p>Reducing risk and enhancing prosecution cases.</p>