

# **REVIEW OF 2019**

## **SUMMARY OF OFFICER DECISIONS RESULTING IN SUSPENSION, REVOCATION OR REFUSAL**

Unless stated all decisions were in consultation with either the Chair or Deputy chair of the Licensing Committee.

### **January 2019**

PHD suspended as no longer has right to work in the UK (Officer decision)

PHD suspended for one week, 2 weeks after receiving a warning and attending a driver awareness course for poor driving standards is seen parked on zig zags by Asda crossing causing a danger.

### **March 2019**

PHD suspended one week after running a red light and causing an accident.

PHD and HCD licence holder revoked after conviction of assault. This matter is in the process of an appeal.

HCD application refused by Service Director TUS, this applicant makes an annual application since revocation in 2015 and has previously been refused twice by members sitting on the Licensing (General) Sub-Committee

### **May 2019**

PHD revoked after arrest for rape x 2 and indecent assault.

PHD revoked after arrest for possession of drugs with intention to supply

PHD and HCD licence holder revoked after arrest for Drug Driving.

PHD suspended for one week after performing sexual act on themselves whilst parked in a public place.

PHD applicant refused after caught cheating by using mobile phone in knowledge test for licence

### **June 2019**

PHD revoked after arrest for rape (Officer decision)

HCD revoked after being charged with an offence of failing to provide a sample after being involved in an accident in a licensed vehicle.

PHD applicant refused after not disclosing he had previously held a licence and DBS certificate provided information of allegations of him holding inappropriate comments with lone females whilst working as a licensed driver in another area.

PHD applicant refused as has a conviction for sexual assault in 2019 and has a sexual harm prevention order.

PHD suspended one week after seen taking passengers without a booking, insufficient evidence to prosecute though.

### **July 2019**

PHD driver advertising for work on facebook without an operator licence. Plying for hire. No evidence of him accepting any work therefore suspension of one week.

### **August 2019**

A driver who holds both PH and HC drivers licences failed to provide a DBS certificate to confirm he is a fit and proper person. Licences suspended.

A Private Hire driver had an expired photocard driving licence. Licence suspended.

Hackney Carriage Driver revoked as his application to remain in the UK was refused on appeal. This terminated his right to work pending the outcome of the appeal. He has made a further application but Home Office have said he has no right to work pending this application.

### **September 2019**

An operator advised us they had a complaint from a female passenger that the driver had stroked her leg, made inappropriate comments and drove erratically. Taxi camera shows passenger as quite chatty and happy, as she is sorting payment the driver touches her chin, this does not seem to worry her, however as she goes to leave she goes to hug the driver who returns the hug and gives her a kiss on the cheek. She delays getting out as she gathers her things and he is seen to stroke her back and then his hands disappear out of shot but lower down her body. Driver said it was a cultural clash, there was nothing sexual in this, it was his culture. Enquiries with SCC community officer revealed his suggestions about his culture were not supported by his community leaders. Revoked.

### **October 2019**

Hackney carriage driver of 4 years , no complaints took a fare from docks to East End of London and charged £375. Did not agree fare upfront or run meter. Normally fare would be around £250. His proprietor got him to refund £100. Driver spoken to, very remorseful and admitted he was wrong. Due to previous good record 2 week suspension with advice on negotiating fares properly.

Applicant for a private hire drivers licence has a caution in 2017 for harassment, had applied in 2018 and was refused because of the caution. Applied again this year but failed to disclose the caution and the previous refusal, despite being specifically asked on the application form. Application refused.

Hackney driver convicted of hit and run RTA, received 12 month ban at court – licence revoked

### **November 2019**

New PHD applicant caught with mobile phone in test – refused.

New PHD applicant caught with additional mobile phone in test, tried to say he forgot the second phone was in his pocket and it started to ring in the test. Staff had seen him looking at his lap, called

another member to confirm who saw same thing so applicant had plenty of time to report matter to staff. Applicant sent three emails with further information, the standard of English was extremely poor and not to a standard we would expect of a licensed driver and not of the standard required to pass a basic skills test. – Refused

New PHD application. Applicant previously licensed by PCC. Found mobile phone in back of cab and threw it away in a bin after a few days. Failed to hand in to police. Loser saw phone in the cab the following day when they tried to retrieve it but could not find the driver. The phone owner took a photo of the phone. The driver was called in by PCC to provide an account. He denied knowledge of the phone until he was shown the photo. This all resulted in a conviction of fail to comply with byelaw (not handing phone in), failing to assist an officer and make a false statement (lying about the phone). PCC revoked his licence as well. – Refused.

### **December 2019**

New PHD applicant caught with a mobile phone in the knowledge test. Denied cheating but was seen looking at lap and then screen during test. – Refused.

New PHD applicant caught using mobile phone during test – Refused

New HCD applicant with a conviction from 2015 for drug importation. He was revoked as a consequence of this conviction and is seeking his licence back. - Licence refused – believe he is appealing

New PHD applicant caught using phone in test – refused

New PHD driver application with old convictions for violence and recent conviction for drug possession – refused

Private Hire Driver was suspected by operator of taking another drivers booking, on investigation found driver was calling in his own bookings and had been covering camera. Revoked.