

EE45. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 Taxi and Private Hire Car Driver Medicals

The Emergency Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which sought approval for a temporary change in relation to the requirement for new applicants and existing drivers to undergo a medical examination to a system of self declaration.

Medical examinations prior to the Coronavirus pandemic were carried out by a local GP. No medicals had been undertaken for during the period of the pandemic. The local GP had advised that there was no realistic prospect of undertaking face to face medicals until a vaccine was in place. A suggested alternative approach was that of a self-declaration. An arrangement would be in place for the GP to consider any application forms that required further medical scrutiny. It was proposed that the policy adjustment initially endure for six months and be subject to review at that point. The Service would also continue work to increase the pool of GPs undertaking the examinations. The temporary self declaration would be kept under review and a return to normal practice instituted as soon as possible if the situation changed.

Decision

The Emergency Executive agreed the change to a system of medical self declaration in place of medical examinations by applicants and existing drivers for a period of six months.