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Dear {\$Communication->Contact->contact_name},

Re: **Equality Act 2010 – Designated Vehicles & Medical Exemptions**

On the 6th April 2017, Sections 165 and 167 of the Equality Act 2010 became effective.

Section 167 of the Act provides the Licensing Authority with the powers to make lists of “designated vehicles” (i.e. wheelchair accessible vehicles), and Section 165 of the Act then places duties on the drivers of those vehicles.

Our records show that you have a wheelchair accessible vehicle.

A list of designated vehicles will be maintained by the Licensing Authority from the 31st January 2019 and will be published on the Council’s website.

If you drive a designated vehicle, the following duties will apply:

- to carry a passenger whilst in the wheelchair;
- not to make any additional charge for doing so;
- if the passenger chooses to sit in a passenger seat, to carry the wheelchair;
- to take such steps as are necessary to ensure that the passenger is carried in safety and reasonable comfort;
- to give the passenger such mobility assistance as is reasonably required:
 - to enable the passenger to get into or out of the vehicle;
 - if the passenger wishes to remain in the wheelchair, to enable the passenger to get into and out of the vehicle while in the wheelchair;
 - to load the passenger's luggage into or out of the vehicle;
 - if the passenger does not wish to remain in the wheelchair, to load the wheelchair into or out of the vehicle.

The duties outlined above do not apply to drivers who hold a valid exemption. An exemption can be issued by the Licensing Authority if you have a medical condition, disability or physical

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condition which makes it impossible or unreasonably difficult for you to undertake the duties.

If you feel that you require an exemption from these duties, you can complete an application form available via the following link - www.denbighshire.gov.uk/taxi-licences - and submit it to the Licensing Authority. Your GP, or a GP who has had access to your full medical records, is required to complete a section of the form outlining the reasons why such an exemption is necessary.

All applications for an exemption certificate will be determined by the General Licensing Committee.

If an exemption is granted, the driver will be issued with a notice to that effect, which shall be displayed on the nearside of the vehicle, immediately behind the front windscreen. The notice shall only be displayed when the driver specified on the notice is driving the vehicle i.e. the driver must remove the notice from the vehicle.

If an exemption is not granted by the 31st January 2019, the duties above will apply to any driver who drives a designated vehicle. A list of designated vehicles will be maintained on the Licensing Authority's website and the proprietor of the vehicle will be notified that the vehicle has been designated.

All drivers are reminded that the provisions contained within the Equality Act 2010 which require drivers to carry assistance dogs, have been in place for many years and the exemption process as outlined above applies.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information.

Yours faithfully

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