

Charlesworth, Tom (City of Lincoln Council)

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To: Charlesworth, Tom (City of Lincoln Council)
Subject: Equality Act 2010 Feedback

Hi Tom.

Regarding your letter dated 16th August I have the following points to raise;

- Exemption certificates for drivers not able to assist passengers what are the guidelines for this? I have no back issue for example but my family do so I may for personal reason wish not to load a person on board for risk of injury. How would this play out? Can I apply for one on person preference?
- The cost of purchasing and maintaining wheelchair accessible vehicles is far greater than that of a standard vehicle there for overall cost more to run, higher charges are made for 8 seat vehicles rather than 4 seat vehicles for this same reason, if higher charges could not be made then profit margins that are already tight may not be viable and these vehicles would be removed from service reducing the amount available to the disabled population of the city. The same can be said for loading times, it takes far longer to load than standard so this would reduce the amount of work done in the day there for the monies taken by the driver if fares were the same as standard vehicles.
- Would there become a need to operate a WAV to maintain an operator's licence? If so then this could reduce the amount of companies operating and not benefit the population.

Many Thanks

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