

Witness Name: Gary Poland
Exhibits:
Date:

THE SOUTHPORT ENQUIRY

FIRST WITNESS STATEMENT OF GARY POLAND

I, Gary Poland, will say as follows:

INTRODUCTION

This statement is provided to assist the inquiry. By way of short background, on 29th July 2024 I worked as a taxi driver and collected a male who I now know to be the perpetrator and drove him to Hart Street, Southport. The offences committed by the perpetrator on that day have stayed with me and I cannot imagine what the victims and victims' families have been through. I am truly sorry for what they have experienced and they have my deepest sympathy. I hope this statement will be able to assist the inquiry.

1.
 - a. My name is Gary Poland
 - b. As of 29 July 2024 I had been a private hire taxi driver with One Call Taxis (One Call bought out the firm I previously worked for so I have not changed company but the name has changed) for 27 years and at the time I was driving a white Toyota taxi, VRN DPA call sign D2219
 - c. I am a self-employed private hire taxi driver, I own my own taxi and am able to set my own working hours. One Call is the taxi firm I work through and I accept jobs for them via a mobile phone app which alerts me when jobs are available and allows me to either accept or decline those jobs. I work only within the Southport area and since the events of 29 July 2024 I only accept jobs from customers familiar to me and have reduced my working hours.
 - d. I am still working for One Call Taxis, although since this incident I am now working reduced hours and will only collect customers who I know.
2. As of 29 July 2024 I held a private hire taxi licence
 - a. The licence was issued by Sefton Council
 - b. There are terms and conditions, which I have attached as exhibited
3. I have attached a copy of my Taxi Licence as exhibit GP/01 and Terms and Conditions as exhibit GP/02.

4. There are no terms and conditions I am aware of from One Call Taxis. With regards to reporting matters to the police, we are required to report anything which we are not happy with. It is for us as taxi drivers to decide what justifies reporting matters to the police.
5. I provided a statement to police at my home address in the early evening of 29th July 2024.
6. I have read my police statement and confirm the following corrections are required:

- i. Page 3 *It was at this point that MALE ONE changed direction, and began walking toward the steps that lead to 34A Hart Street...MALE ONE walked past me to cross from MASTERS SPRAY SHOP to 34A HART STREET...*

As can be seen from the dashcam footage this is not entirely accurate. As can be seen I drove down towards Masters Spray Shop, I stopped and the perpetrator has turned back and walked back past me up what I will call a driveway which leads to the business. He has then turned what would be his left and I reversed my car. When I got back onto the road I could see he had walked towards the gym where the incident happened. I drove into the car park and he continued to ignore my requests for payment. I saw him try one door which would not open and then saw him walk up the stairs through an open door. I think this is what is meant by 'steps' in my police statement as I don't believe there are any other steps around.

- ii. Page 3 *I remained parked up as I awaited the next taxi job'.*

I have expanded on this a little at point 10 below.

- iii. Page 4 *...I called my friend Julian...in order to tell him to mind his safety and keep indoors. Julian said something to the effect of "it looks like he has cut people with a knife"*

Here I appear to have joined the two conversations I had with Julian into one. As can be seen from the dashcam footage. Thinking back now I do not recall there being two calls, however, I accept there were. It is in the second call that Julian tells me what has happened and this is the first time I had thought there may not have been a gun. I had believed there to have been a gun up to this point.

- iv. Page 4 *I immediately returned to my home address, told my wife what had happened and then called ONE CALL TAXI call centre to make sure the booking details were correct for the journey with MALE ONE.*

This should say that after I dropped off the booking at Ocean Plaza, I drove off as I had pulled over in a bus stop. I then took a route along the waterfront, I then received a call from Julian who told me what had happened. Julian told me the police would want to speak to me and in particular where I picked MALE ONE up from. I said that is fine and

told Julian the address I believed I collected him from. I then can be seen on the dashcam footage to use my phone, I believe that I was using the One Call App to look for the address I had collected MALE ONE from as that has a log of addresses you have collected from. I then called the call centre of one call taxis to double check the number of the address I had collected MALE ONE from. Once I had verified this I then drove home, briefly told my wife what had happened and asked her to keep the dogs inside while I made a call to the police to give them the relevant address from our rear garden.

By way of explanation for not picking up on these errors before, the police officer who came to my house on the evening of the 29 July 2024 typed out the statement as I was speaking with him on a handheld device, similar looking to an iPhone mobile phone device. I have never received a copy of my police statement to consider until my solicitor took me through the document in preparation for this witness statement. I accept that I signed the document on the handheld device the police officer used and that he did read out the contents of what he typed as we went along, however, after what had happened that day I must not have taken full account of what he was reading to me.

7. There are no changes, corrections, clarifications or additions I wish to make to those parts of my police statement relating to me picking up the perpetrator and taking him to Hart Street.
8. I stopped a short distance from the corner of Hart Street and Maple Street, having turned left onto Hart Street from Maple Street. This is opposite Masters Spray Shop, which is the business owned by my friend, Julian Medlock who is known to the inquiry.
9. I have addressed the amendments to the part of my police statement that follows the perpetrator exiting my taxi and those matters are captured accurately on the dashcam footage.
10. When the perpetrator walked towards and then entered Hart Space, I waited for a short while close to the entrance to the building. I still believed at that point that the perpetrator may have been getting cash to pay me.
11.
 - a. I still recall hearing loud bangs which I believed to be gunshots at the time. I did not see a gun at any time but the loud bangs in that moment sounded to me like gunshots.
 - b. I now know that the perpetrator had a knife, I accept that what I heard could not have been gunshots and must have been caused by something else. I do not know what that could have been. At the time I was absolutely convinced that it was gunshots I had heard, this is what I told Julian when I spoke with him and I refer to the dashcam footage to show this.
12. I am reliant upon the dashcam footage to go through my movements after hearing what I believed to be gunshots. I do not have a clear recollection of which way I

drove. From leaving Hart Space, I turned right onto Hart Street, I then turned left up Lime Street, right onto Sussex Road and left onto Oak Street continuing onto Manning Road before coming to a stop on Brompton Road. Again from the dashcam footage this is around a 2 ½ to 3 minute drive away from Hart Street.

In terms of the time the job is recorded as finishing, this is when I indicate on the app that the job is complete. I must not have swiped to indicate I had finished the job when at Hart Street as the perpetrator had not paid, this is when I would normally indicate when a job has finished. I must have noticed that the app was still recording me as on that job, and when I have come to a stop at Brompton Road I have ended the job.

- a. I did not see any other children fleeing the scene when I turned onto Hart Street
- b. I did not notice whether any of the children were injured, it happened so quickly and the children I saw were running out of the building and did not appear to me to be injured
- c. As can be seen from the dashcam footage I did not stop anywhere before Brompton Road

13.

- a. As can be seen from the dashcam footage, once I left Hart Space I did not go back, I feared there was a gunman and feared that he would target me due to my earlier interactions with him regarding non payment of fare. The first I knew of children being hurt or injured was when Julian told me in our second telephone conversation. This was also the first time I was aware it was not a shooting. I saw the children running out but did not know they had been hurt or injured.
- b. I can only say that I was in complete shock and that is why I did not do anything to check on the children's welfare. I knew from Julian shortly afterwards that children had been hurt and by this time I knew the police were already involved and I presumed that ambulances would also have been there. Had I been thinking clearly, or if I had been asked to go back I would have, I would have helped as best I could. I accept I did not and I am sorry for this, I admire those that did help out that day which is in keeping with the local community within the area.

14. I accept that I did not call the police, as explained I believe I was just in complete shock. I live within relatively close proximity to the incident and did not even call my wife to warn her, I just was not thinking clearly on that day after believing that there had been gun shots and that I was at risk of being shot.

- a. I would not call the police due to non payment of a fare of around £10, I do not believe they would do anything and believe it is a waste of their time when they are dealing with far more serious matters.
- b. While I did notice that when the perpetrator was walking after getting out of my vehicle he seemed to be doing something with his arm or hoodie and holding this tightly, I did not for one second think he was concealing a weapon and would go on to harm anyone, let alone do what he did that day. If I suspected he had a weapon on him I would not have pursued him for payment and I would have contacted the police to alert them to this risk. I had

absolutely no idea, it was only when completing my police statement that I gave any thought to the way he had been walking and that I thought this was unusual.

- c.
 - i. I did hear what I believed to be 4 to 5 gunshots;
 - ii. I believed that the male had started to shoot people;
 - iii. I did hear what I described as an orchestra of blood curdling screams;
 - iv. I did see a massed huddle of children run in a panicked hurry out of 34A Hart Street
 - v. Children were running and screaming down the driveway behind me

Despite this I accept I did not call police. I can only say that I panicked, and I fled for my own safety. I believed I had heard gunshots, I believed I was at risk due to pursuing the perpetrator and threatening to call the police. I did hear the screams, they stay with me to this day. I did see people, notably children running out screaming and I just panicked and was not thinking clearly.

15. Shortly after leaving the scene I called Julian Medlock.

16. I cannot recollect this from my own memory, however, looking at the dashcam footage [**ILT000018**] I appear to make the call to Julian when driving on Lime Street, then turning right onto Sussex Road and then turning left onto Oak Street when the call ends.

17. I cannot recall my specific thought process as to why I called Julian, but I believe it would have been because I had dropped the perpetrator off at his business and that it was next door to where I believed people had been shot. I believe I was alerting Julian to what had gone on and checking he was okay, however, the call ends before the conversation could finish.

18.

- a. I cannot specifically remember why I called Julian first, but I would think that it was because it was his business where I first dropped the perpetrator off. Julian is one of my best friends of over 40 years, I will have wanted to warn him of the fact I had heard gunshots and make sure he is okay. I can only presume that Julian was in my mind because I had been at his business moments before the incident happened.
- b. I do not know why I didn't call the police straight away. Looking back now I know that I should have and I am truly sorry that I did not. At the time I just was not thinking straight. I called Julian for the reasons set out above and because this had happened next door to his business.

19. I have viewed this footage and accept this is an accurate account of what is said.

20.

- a. I can see from the dashcam footage that this is not something I said to Julian in the call. I cannot recall specifically saying this to Julian, however, it is right that I would not call the police if someone did not pay a £10 fare and so I may have said this to him at some point.

- b. I do not believe that police would assist if I were to call about a £10 fare. Given matters they have to deal with, this would be very low priority and in my view is not worth the time in reporting as it is wasting their time. I have never called the police for non payment of fare, however, there have been other times when this has happened.

21. I accept the following events occurred before I called the police

- 1. After calling Julian I took another fair as shown in the dashcam footage
- 2. I then had a further call with Julian which is shown in the dashcam footage
- 3. That I parked up, used my phone and then pulled off again
- 4. I then pulled up, used my phone and then called One Call Taxis
- 5. I remained in my car briefly using my phone before the dashcam footage ends.

22. After driving away from Hart House believing that there was someone with a gun firing shots I fled, I panicked and I accept that I did all of the things as outlined at point 21 (1)-(5) of the rule 9 letter. I have thought back to that day and I do wish I would have called the police sooner, I know that that is the right thing to have done and when my head had cleared and the panic settled I asked myself why I did not call them and I just don't know. I also did not call my wife even though we live in close proximity to Hart Street, I also cannot account for why I did not warn her, I only told her what had happened when I got home.

I called Julian as he was on my mind as it happened next door to his business and I had driven after the perpetrator up the alley way to his business. In terms of me accepting a job, I still cannot believe that I did this. The only explanation I can give is that instead of declining the job when it came up on my screen I have accepted it. At that time to return a job you had to go through a call centre and it was quite an awkward process, I must have gone into auto-pilot and thought to just get the job done. I could hear a high volume of emergency service sirens going off and thought it must have been relating to what I thought at that time was a shooting. I completed the job and then spoke with Julian again and this was the first time I knew what had taken place and how serious matters were. Julian mentioned the police will want to know where I picked the perpetrator up from and that is what I have then concentrated on, I told Julian the address I thought it was, I checked the app and I called the call centre. I then went home and called the police to provide them with this information. If I could do things again I would certainly have called the police first, the fact that I did not is something I will always regret.

23.

- a. I did not say to Julian that I wouldn't phone the police for a tenner and do not believe that this is something that I included in a text, however, it is right that I would not call the police in those circumstances and may well have shared this view with Julian at another time in another context but I couldn't not say when this may have happened.
- b. I knew that Julian was at the scene and assumed he would have engaged with the police in some way. I took it from him saying the police would want to speak with me and me saying yes that he would have passed my details on to police. In hindsight I do not recall this being specifically said but it is what I implied from our conversation.

24. I did call the police after arriving home. I do not recall the exact time but accept that the time of 12:36 is accurate from the records held by police. I have not had sight of the transcript of my call or heard the recording of that call, it has been requested but not provided. If there is anything arising from that call that the inquiry seeks clarification about I am happy to provide a further statement if required.
25. I accept the timings given that it was about 50 minutes after the incident when I called the police, however, I was aware that the police had been called much sooner. I heard the numerous sirens in the locality and I had spoken to Julian who told me the police would want to speak to me, in particular about where I had picked the perpetrator up from. I then took steps to verify the address and when I got home called the police to give this information. I have done my best to explain the reasons why I did not call the police sooner elsewhere in this statement, I was simply in shock.
26. Following the incident I became aware that the perpetrator had previously booked a taxi from One Call but was stopped from getting in the taxi by his father. By way of explanation:
- a. Liam Rice, the office manager at One Call Taxis, came to see me 2-4 days after the incident. He told me that another driver, Steve Evason, had gone to pick up from the address at Old Bank Close about two weeks earlier and the perpetrators dad had said *don't take him* and paid the fare to Steve and did not let the perpetrator get in the cab. I was told that the fare was booked to take the perpetrator to Formby School.
- Police seized my car for about 6 weeks after the incident which meant I had to get taxis. Within that 6 week period, but after my discussion with Liam, Steve picked me up and we discussed him going to pick the perpetrator up previously, Steve said to me that he was sorry this had happened to me and it could have been him.
- b. The other driver is Steve Evason
27. On reflection of events:
1. I do consider that I should have called the police earlier, in hindsight I wish I had done and it is something that I think about every day, what I should have done, and how this is my fault because I drove him there.
 2. I should have checked on the welfare of the children and helped, I thought there was a gunman shooting at people and believed this to be the person who I had just been shouting at to pay me a fare and threatened to call the police so I did believe that I was in danger of being a target. I regret not helping the children, their screams were harrowing and I can still hear them when I think back to that day.
 3. I regret not doing more, I do regret not calling the police sooner and have done my best to explain my actions and thought process on the day within this statement. I cannot imagine what the victims and the families of the victims have been through and they have my deepest sympathy for what happened that day. Since the incident I have suffered periods of depression, I have had to reduce my work hours and will only collect customers who are known to me. There isn't a day that passes when I don't think about that day and 'what

if's', what if I had called the police, what if I had got out of my car, what if I had apprehended him for not paying me but I do not know the answers.

4. I accept that I could have done more, I still believe my actions as a taxi driver were fit and proper. This is not something that happens every day, it is a tragic event that should never have happened. I did what I did based upon fear, shock and panic, these are human emotions which I could not control.

28. I do not believe a policy of One Call Insurance around calling police would have made a difference to my actions, I would not consider non-payment of a £10 fare to be a significant crime and so would not have done anything more than I did on the day to pursue the fare by following him. I cannot say for certain that this would have made a difference, it would depend on if it occurred to me in the moment that those terms existed or that I had a duty through my employment to report matters. I called the police when it occurred to me to call them as explained above.

29. My answer is the same as at point 28 above in relation to any difference to my actions if it were a taxi licencing condition to call police, it would depend on if this occurred to me in the moment and I do not know if in a moment of blind panic I would have regard to such terms.

30. I do not believe anything else would have made a difference to me calling the police sooner, I was in complete shock and genuinely believed that I could have been shot, my head was everywhere and I was not thinking straight. In the moment I did what occurred to me, but in hindsight I should have called the police sooner than I did.

31. I do still retain a taxi licence, please see exhibit GH/01

32. Since this incident One Call Taxis have offered me support through counselling and also financial support by not charging me app rent. The only other change I can think of relates to the app which now allows you to return a job that you have accepted much easier than before. I do not know if this change is related to this incident or was just a general improvement in the technology used.

33. There are no other relevant matters that I wish to draw to the Chairs attention.

34.

- a. I do not have any texts or WhatsApp messages from that day, I do not recall sending any.
- b. I did not make any notebook or diary entries from that day.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Signed:

GARY POLAND

SIGNATURE
Gary Poland (Sep 2, 2025 12:16:26 GMT+1)

Dated: 22nd August 2025

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Exhibit No.	Inquiry reference No.	Document description
GP/01	IWS000036	Taxi Licence of Gary Poland
GP/02	IWS000037	Sefton Council Taxi Licence Conditions

EXHIBIT GP/01
TAXI LICENCE

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Environmental Health & Licensing Unit
Tel: DPA

Taxi Licensing Unit
Magdalen House,
30 Trinity Road,
Bootle, L20 3NJ
Web Address: www.sefton.gov.uk

Private Hire Vehicle Licence

DPA

Mr Gary Poland of DPA

Registration No	DPA	Details of Licence	
1st Registered	22/08/2019	Licensed For	4 Passengers
Make	Toyota	Valid From:	13/06/2025 00:00
Model	C-Hr		
Colour	White	Expires:	12/06/2026 23:59
Engine Capacity	1798		

IMPORTANT NOTES

Mot Certificate Exemption: the DfT has directed that Sefton Council Licenced Private Hire Vehicles are exempt from the standard MOT test under Reg 6 of the motor vehicles (Test) regulations 1981 (as amended). The above vehicle was tested by an approved examiner, prior to the licence being issued, and was found to be in a suitable condition within the above directive and regulations. This Certificate remains in force from the date of issue until the expiry date given above, providing that the vehicle remains licensed by Sefton Council as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.

This licence is issued subject to the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, The licensing conditions made are also subject to any other relevant legislation that may be in force during the period for which this licence is valid.

Possession of this document does not guarantee that the licence is in force, nor does it imply that the vehicle is roadworthy or fit for use. Its validity may be established by reference to the Council's Licensing Officer.

This licence is not transferable without written notice being given to the Council within 14 days of the date of the transfer of the licence. If any person named above disposes of the vehicle or parts with the licensed plates other than as stated, then an offence will have been committed and the Council reserves the right to issue proceedings against the offending party.

Signature	Head of Highways and Public Protection
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Not valid if not crimped

EXHIBIT GP/02

TAXI LICENCE
CONDITIONS

SEFTON COUNCIL PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE PROPRIETOR'S CONDITIONS OF LICENCE:

Vehicle Registration No: DPA	PV Licence No: DPA	Issue Date: 02/06/2025
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1. Maintenance / Condition / Alteration of Vehicle

- a. The vehicle must be maintained in a clean and tidy, complete & thoroughly roadworthy condition.
- b. The seats and floor covering of the vehicle shall be free from rips, tears & holes. Seat covers are permitted but must be removed when presenting the vehicle for its fitness test.
- c. Roof Racks and Roof Boxes are permitted providing they do not exceed vehicle loading specifications.
- d. CCTV with/ without audio is permitted provided that at least one warning notice is clearly displayed internally so all passengers are aware that they may be recorded.

2. Mandatory Identification Plates

- a. The large external private hire plate must be securely fixed to the rear of the vehicle. No plate may be placed or displayed in the rear window. The plate must be clearly visible to following vehicles. It must be secured with a proprietary bracket or by screws so as to be removable by an Authorised Officer or Police Officer;
- b. The internal licence plate must be fixed in its' provided pouch inside the nearside of the vehicle front windscreen, clearly visible from the kerbside and from within the vehicle;
- c. The plates issued by the council are the sole property of the council and are "on deposit" only & must be surrendered to an officer of the council or police officer on demand;



Other Signs and Notices

- a. Every private hire vehicle shall display a tariff card inside the vehicle and the fare must be calculated in accordance with the rates set by the Operator;
- b. Operator Door signs must be displayed on both FRONT doors of the vehicle whilst working. They must not exceed the maximum dimensions of 24 inches by 10 inches by (61cm x 25.4). These signs must include;
 1. "PRIVATE HIRE ONLY" in 1 inch (2.54CM) high letters or larger along at least 3/4 (75%) of the sign's length;
 2. The telephone number and name of the operator the vehicle is working through at that time;
 3. The display of the words TAXI or CAB or the telephone number of a mobile telephone carried within that vehicle is forbidden.
- c. A rear window sign may be fitted, measuring a maximum 12 inches by 3 inches (30.5 cm x 7.6 cm) and may contain the Operators trading name, telephone number and pre-approved slogan;
- d. Advertising of other businesses is permitted by way of magnetic or permanently affixed signs of maximum dimensions 24 inches by 10 inches (61cm x 25.4cm) displayed on each rear door of a vehicle. Any sign promoting tobacco or alcohol is forbidden. Signs considered offensive by the Council may, by notice be required to be removed.
- e. In the case of a Private Hire Minibus/ Multi-Purpose Vehicle with a seating capacity of between 6 and 8 passenger seats a full livery advertisement is permitted provided that;
 1. The signs include the words PRIVATE HIRE ONLY in letters of a minimum 3 inches (7.6cm) in height;
 2. The signs are permanently sign-written or affixed;
 3. The signs are displayed on and from the sides and rear of the vehicle only;
- f. Conditions 2 a and b are only disallowed when a vehicle is subject to an exemption notice granted by the Council for a full day hiring of at least 24 hours. When so used the plates and exemption notice must be carried within the vehicle and produced to any person having reason to enquire into the use of the vehicle

4. Taximeters

If a taximeter is fitted, it must be fitted so as to be easily seen by the hirer of the vehicle. Any meter must be checked & sealed by an Authorised Agent of this Council and that agent must issue a seating receipt slip.

5. Permitted Drivers / Procedures with Private Hire Drivers Licences

- a. The Proprietor of a licensed Private Hire vehicle shall not permit any person to drive a licensed Private Hire Vehicle for any purpose unless they have first deposited their Sefton Private Hire Driver's Licence with the proprietor;
- b. The Proprietor of a licensed Private Hire vehicle must hold the licence of all drivers in their employ and shall produce the same upon demand to any Officer of the Council or Police Constable when required;
- c. The Proprietor of a licensed Private Hire vehicle shall, upon the vehicle being returned to him/her by a licensed driver who is seeking to leave their employ should immediately return their Driver's licence to them unless the Proprietor has cause for complaint, in which case it should be put in writing to the Taxi Licensing Unit together with the licence within 24 hours.

Items which must be notified to the Council

- a. The proprietor/ driver of any Sefton Council licensed private hire vehicles shall report to the Council, in writing, full details of any accident within 72 hours of an accident occurring and shall produce valid insurance for the date of the incident;
- b. If required shall produce the vehicle to an Authorised Officer for inspection as its' fitness for use following the accident;
- c. The proprietor/ part proprietor of any Sefton Council licensed private hire vehicle must
- d. Disclose to the Council, in writing, within seven days: 1) A change of operator; 2) A change of address; 3) Full details of ANY cautions or convictions recorded against them.

7. Failure to Complete a journey

In the event of a Sefton licensed private hire vehicle not completing a journey for any reason no fare shall be charged in respect of any distance travelled unless the reason is beyond the control of the person then in charge of the vehicle.

8. Lost and Found Property

Any proprietor of a licensed private hire vehicle who discovers any property left in the vehicle and not claimed by the owner must deposit the property at any Police Station within 48 hours of finding it.

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- a. The Proprietor of a licensed Private Hire vehicle shall not permit any person to drive a licensed Private Hire Vehicle for any purpose unless they have first deposited their Sefton Private Hire Driver's Licence with the proprietor;
- b. The Proprietor of a licensed Private Hire vehicle must hold the licence of all drivers in their employ and shall produce the same upon demand to any Officer of the Council or Police Constable when required;
- c. The Proprietor of a licensed Private Hire vehicle shall, upon the vehicle being returned to him/her by a licensed driver who is seeking to leave their employ should immediately return their Driver's licence to them unless the Proprietor has cause for complaint, in which case it should be put in writing to the Taxi Licensing Unit together with the licence within 24 hours.

6. **Items which must be notified to the Council**

- a. The proprietor/ driver of any Sefton Council licensed private hire vehicles shall report to the Council, in writing, full details of any accident within 72 hours of an accident occurring and shall produce valid insurance for the date of the incident;
- b. If required shall produce the vehicle to an Authorised Officer for inspection as its' fitness for use following the accident;
- c. The proprietor/ part proprietor of any Sefton Council licensed private hire vehicle must
- d. Disclose to the Council, in writing, within seven days: 1) A change of operator; 2) A change of address; 3) Full details of ANY cautions or convictions recorded against them.

7. **Failure to Complete a journey**

In the event of a Sefton licensed private hire vehicle not completing a journey for any reason no fare shall be charged in respect of any distance travelled unless the reason is beyond the control of the person then in charge of the vehicle.

8. **Lost and Found Property**

Any proprietor of a licensed private hire vehicle who discovers any property left in the vehicle and not claimed by the owner must deposit the property at any Police Station within 48 hours of finding it.