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**Draft Taxi Licensing Policy (Part One)****Consultation Response Sheet**

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PARAGRAPH No	COMMENTS	
5.20	COMMENTS	An applicant should be able to see their own GP for a medical examination. An obligation to use a Licensing Authority approved medical centre questions: a) the integrity of the applicant's GP (should that GP be happy to see their patient for a medical examination), b) a compromise of Patients' Rights including opting out of the requirement to submit medical history data to another qualified person and the right of a patient to see their own GP. This is also likely to cause inconvenience to the applicant through time and cost of attending the Licensing Authority approved centre. Suggested to be in Plymouth and used by SHDC employees for required medical examinations, this could raise questions of a conflict of interest as applicants are not SHDC employees.
9c) p26	COMMENTS	As the driver is responsible for the upkeep and cleanliness of the vehicle, they should not be prohibited from staying nourished and hydrated within the vehicle. E.g in cases of bad weather, traffic jams in hot weather, medical requirements (e.g. Diabetes) etc
9g) p27	COMMENTS	This should be reworded to: " Drivers should use common sense when initiating conversation so as not to broach subjects which may cause offence".