# CCTV in Licensed vehicles

The updated Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy (approved April 2021) requires all licensed vehicles to be installed with CCTV by April 2023.

## System Specification

The Council has a detailed specification for CCTV Systems, which can only be met by purchasing a system via one of the Council’s nominated suppliers.

Please note that other systems purchased and installed in vehicles will not meet the Council’s specification in terms of set up or data security and will not be permitted.

Full details of the specification can be found in the Council’s Licensing Policy Document.

## CCTV Providers

Following an open tendering process, the Council has two nominated CCTV system providers:

### 4 Eyez BlackBox CCTV

Email: info@4eyez.co.uk

Tel: 0114 2998694

Website: [www.4eyez.co.uk](http://www.4eyez.co.uk)

### Safe Systems CCTV Ltd

Tel: 01706 551212

Email: info@safesystemscctv.co.uk

Website: <https://www.safesystemscctv.co.uk/>

Please note that the tendering process has now closed and no other providers will be permitted to the list.

## Cost

Members of the trade will need to contact the two nominated providers about their individual costs. The pricing of units has formed part of the tendering criteria in order to ensure value.

The CCTV system, although required by the Council as per Policy and conditions, remains under the ownership and responsibility of the vehicle licence holder, as any other in vehicle equipment would be.

The Council has endeavoured to secure funding to cover the cost of installation although to date has not been successful. We will continue to explore funding opportunities available however in the current position the trade will need to cover the cost of installation. The Council has allowed a reasonable period between April 2021 when the Policy was approved to a deadline of 1 April 2023 in order for the trade to become compliant.

## Data security and access

The Council is the nominated data controller for information and images captured by in vehicle CCTV.

The specification requires that data is recoded on securely installed and encrypted hard drives which can only be accessed by the Council and viewed using encryption software which only the Council possesses.

The Council will only seek to access data should there be a valid reason to, for example as a result of a complaint received or if the vehicle may have witnessed a crime which may have been captured on the system.

## Private use of vehicles

A number of questions have been raised about CCTV and the private use of vehicles.

The specification details that CCTV recordings start when the vehicle engine ignition is activated. In addition audio recording is only activated by a switch activated by either driver or passenger.

The specification however allows the system to be turned off when the vehicle is being used privately by deactivating a switch outside of the driver compartment.

## Deadline

The Policy requires that all licensed vehicles must be fitted with CCTV by 1 April 2023. As the suppliers will not be able to cater for all members of the trade at the last minute we recommend that licence holders begin to consider making plans for installation.