

Summary of Responses to Consultation on the future driver licensing arrangements for drivers of invalid carriages (NHS Trikes)

The consultation document 'Consultation on the future driver licensing arrangements for drivers of invalid carriages (NHS Trikes)' issued on 7 November 2002, proposed an amendment to legislation to allow current drivers of NHS Trikes to drive a suitably adapted quadricycle unaccompanied, on provisional entitlement, until such time as they feel able to take a test. This document was also posted on this site. The consultation ended on 20 December 2002. Responses received were as follows:

- Invalid Vehicle Service** Agree. Wanted to note that it would be Motability who would be organising the driving lessons for the drivers. Also had reservations about the reference made to driving reaching 'test standard', preferred 'safe standard'
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- Justices' Clerks' Society** Agree. Fully supported the proposed amendment to legislation
- Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee** Agree. Suggested new category of entitlement which would confer the same entitlement to drive the adapted vehicles as currently applied to the NHS Trike - to eliminate the need for such drivers to take a test. Also mentioned that these drivers all have considerable driving experience (minimum of 26 years experience) and it could be considered unreasonable to require these drivers to take a driving test.
- Scottish Motor Trade Association** Agree.

Consultees have been reassured that the intention is that the instructor's support should continue until a safe standard of driving (i.e. test standard) has been attained.

Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee has been advised that, as the category of vehicles concerned (i.e. quadricycles - category B1) is already covered by the second EC Directive on Driving Licences (91/439/EEC), it is not possible to introduce another category covering the same vehicles for drivers who transfer to these vehicles.