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Fitness to Drive: CASE STUDY 1

- Couple on cycling holiday stop on pavement to put on their waterproofs
- Vehicle crosses carriageway and drives along the pavement striking both cyclists.
- Emergency services attend and cyclist pronounced dead. Other cyclist has serious injuries, driver minor injuries.
- Collision Investigation concludes the collision was as a result of the car crossing the carriageway, travelling along the pavement and colliding with the 2 cyclists. Driver surrenders driving licence to DVLA.
- Driver passed eyesight test, claimed to have swerved to avoid an animal, had no other recollection of the collision.
- Driver diagnosed as suffering from medical condition (sudden loss of consciousness or fainting)
- Enquiry revealed family were aware driver was suffering from condition, but GP and DVLA had not been informed

Fitness to Drive: The Issue...



Fitness to Drive: Whose Responsibility?

DVLA Requirements

- Requirement to declare
- Requirement to surrender licence

Healthcare Professionals

- DVLA Guidance
- Trust
- Confidentiality
- Consent to disclose

Society's Role...



Fitness to Drive: Difficult Conversations

- 1. What are the concerns?
- 2. Understand the alternatives
- 3. Acknowledge the difficulties
- 4. Give them time



Fitness to Drive: Enforcement & Education





Tony Probee Hi, if you find you need to wear glasses for driving, do you need to tell dvla. Thank you

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"Most relevant" is selected, so some replies may have been filtered out.



Highland & Islands Police Division Hi Tony, it will depend on each individual circumstances. You must tell the DVLA if you've got a problem that affects both of your eyes or your remaining eye if you've only got one. But that doesn't include if you short/long sighted or colour blind. The best place to check for more info is: https://www.gov.uk/driving-eyesight-rules

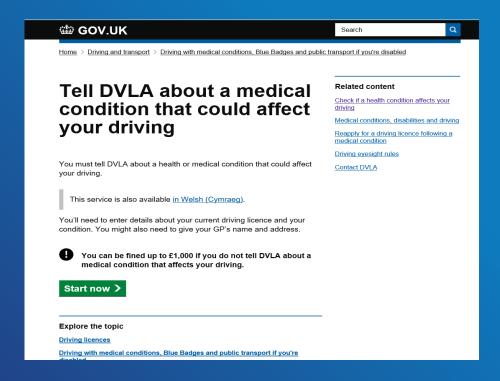




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Fitness to Drive: Reporting Mechanisms

- Individual
- Medical Professionals
- Family/Friends
- Anonymous
- Police





Fitness to Drive: case study 2

- Driver accompanied by partner. Car seen to clip the road verge before crossing the carriageway and entering water. Both occupants died.
 Enquiries revealed the driver suffered from epilepsy from childhood and had a seizure earlier that day. Their licence had been revoked due to this condition but returned 7 years earlier following medical tests.
 - 3 years after the return of their licence a medical questionnaire was completed by the driver's GP. The driver was not present when this was carried out. This was forwarded to DVLA and they retained their licence.
 - 3 weeks prior to the collision the driver visited their GP as they had been involved in a collision and there were concerns regarding their fitness to drive. The driver denied having had a seizure to the GP.
 - Enquiries revealed partner, family and community were aware the driver was suffering from blackouts but DVLA were not informed

Fitness to Drive: Questions?