

Public Protection - Licensing Update

Summary: The report highlights current licensing matters and presents information to the Committee regarding licences issued and workloads of the Public Protection Team for the first half of 2019 (calendar year)

Conclusions: N.A

Recommendations: This report is for information.

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This reports updates on work within the Public Protection Team – Licensing function. It aims to update and inform members of relevant licensing matters.
- 1.2 The Licensing updates include;
 - 1.2.1 House of Lords Select Committee publishes a call for evidence in respect of the gambling industry.
- 1.3 Report detailing work of the Public Protection Team for the first half of 2019, this informs the Committee on current licences issued by the team and the total numbers held.
- 1.4 A more detailed overview and relevant documents are included later in the report and appendices.

2. Licensing Updates

2.1 House of Lords Select Committee publishes a call for evidence in respect of the gambling industry

2.1.1 The call for evidence, raises a number of questions:

1. The current state of the industry;
2. Developments in gambling habits;
3. The industry's contribution towards research, education and treatment of problem gamblers;
4. Whether the Gambling Act 2005 needs to be updated to reflect the significant changes in technology;
5. If gambling operators should have a legal duty of care to their customers;
6. Whether children should be allowed to play games machines including fruit machines, pushers and cranes;
7. The effectiveness of the voluntary levy;
8. Whether changes should be made to the statutory regime governing the National Lottery; and
9. How decisions should be made about regulating gambling advertising.

The deadline for submissions is Friday 6 September 2019.

2.1.2 The full report can be seen in **Appendix A** and also by using the following link; <https://www.parliament.uk/documents/lords-committees/Gambling-committee/Gambling-Call-for-evidence.pdf>

3. Report on work completed for first half of 2019.

3.1 To present information to the Committee regarding licences issued and workloads of the Public Protection Team for the first half of 2019 period (calendar year)

3.2 In order to enable effective monitoring of workload and issue of licences, a database has been set up and the following information is taken from the database. Recording of work prior to 2014 was more sporadic. In March 2018 the database update was started, this may affect the records as there have been significant issues with the implementation of the upgrade.

3.3 The table below shows total current licences (plus DBS applications processed); There has been a change in total numbers since the previous report and the figures in brackets indicate either the increase or decrease in licences held.

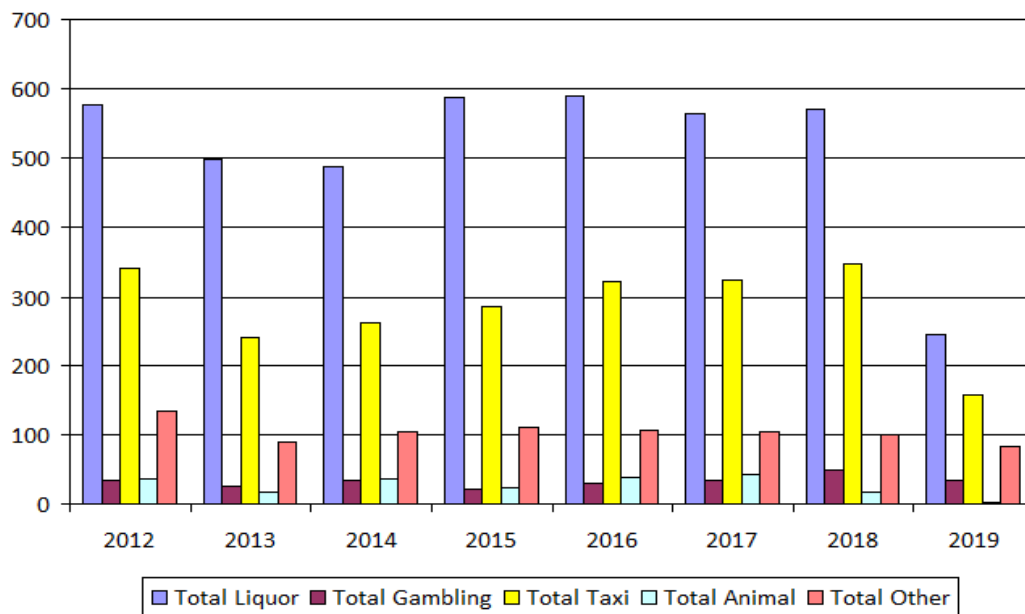
Licence Type	Licence Description	Current Total
LABO	Animal Boarding	7 (-1)
LAGC	Adult Gaming Centre	8
LATE	Cosmetic Skin Piercing Practitioners	103 (+4)
LBNT	Betting Premises Non Track	6
LBRG	Dog Breeding	4 (+1)

Licence Type	Licence Description	Current Total
LBTR	Betting Premises Track	1
LCAM	Camping Site	3
LCLB	Club Premises	37 (-1)
LCRB	Disclosure Barring Service (DSB)	108 (-31)
LCVN	Caravan Site	190 (75 on database)
LCEX	Caravan Site [exempt]	6
LDD3	Taxi Driver - 3 Years	273 (+6)
LDWA	Dangerous Wild Animals	0 (-1)
LFCEP	Gaming Permit - FEC	20 (+1)
LFEC	Family Entertainment Centre	2
LGCB	Gambling Club Gaming Permit	4
LGCM	Gambling Club Machine Permit	6
LGPN	Gambling Premises Notification	82 (+2)
LHCO	Hackney Carriage Operator	40 (+1)
LHCV	Hackney Carriage Vehicle	160
LHHC	House to House Collection	42 (+3)
LIND	Personal Licence; Sale of Alcohol	1751 (+21)
LNOI	Notification Of Interest	0
LPHO	Private Hire Operator	44 (+1)
LPHV	Private Hire Vehicle	75 (+6)
LPRM	Alcohol & Entertainment	545 (-4)
LPS	Pet Shop	3 (-2)
LPSK	Premises - Skin Piercing	47 (+2)
LRE	Riding Establishment	5
LSC	Street Collections	194 (+4)
LSLA	Lottery - Small Premises	114 (+5)
LSMC	Scrap Metal Dealer - Collector	13
LSMS	Scrap Metal Dealer - Site	7 (-1)
LZOO	Zoo	2

3.4 DBS applications are processed every three years, the zoo licences have either a 4 or 6-year licence (both are currently 6 years). Skin piercing registrations for practitioners are issued once.

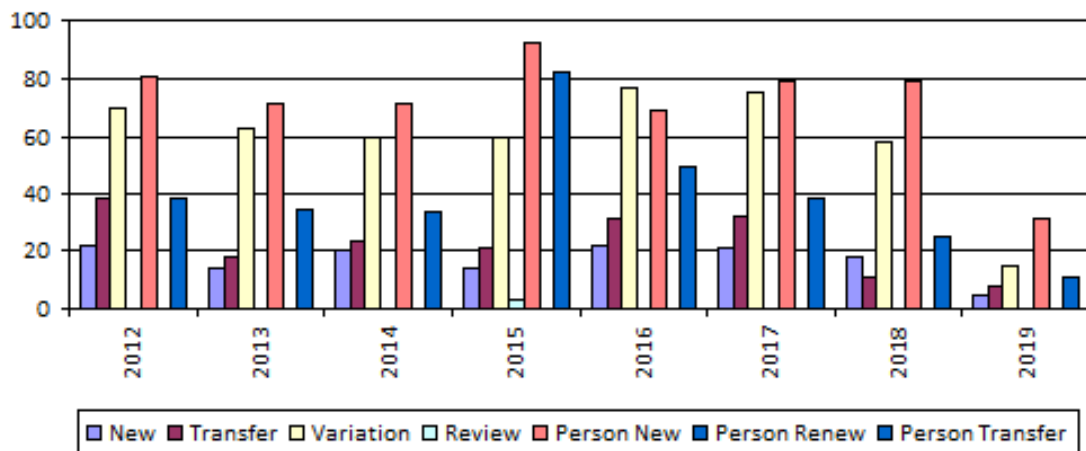
- 3.5 The number of licences issued each year can be seen in the following graph; taxi licences were introduced as 3 year licences in 2012 which may account for the apparent drop in licences issued per year. The 'other' category includes; piercing, scrap metal, street and house to house collections and caravan sites. A further breakdown has been given in the subsequent three graphs for Liquor, taxi licences and Temporary Event Notices.
- 3.6 Please note that Graph 4, Taxi licences does not show accurate figures for 2019, this is due to the change in database and some further reconfiguration of the statistical report is required to enable the live data to be brought across.

Licences Issued (Graph 1)

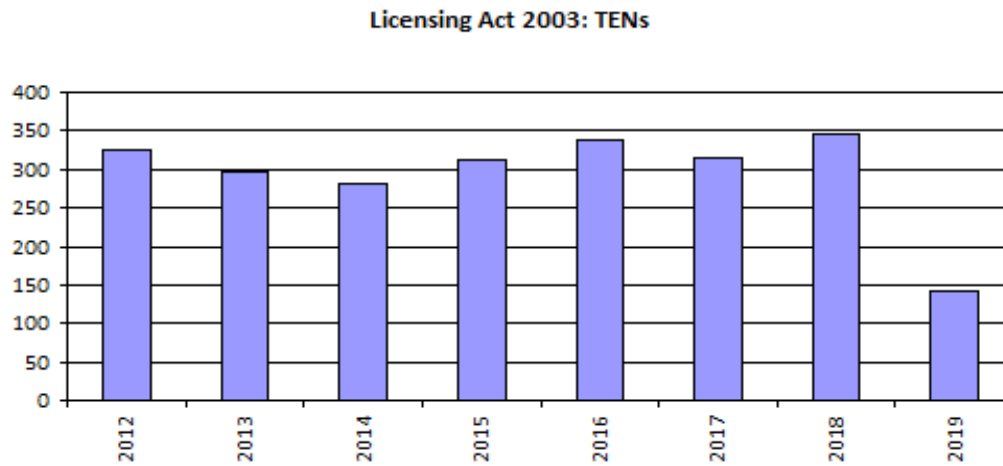


Breakdown of Licences Issued under the Licensing Act 2003 (excluding TENS) (Graph 2)

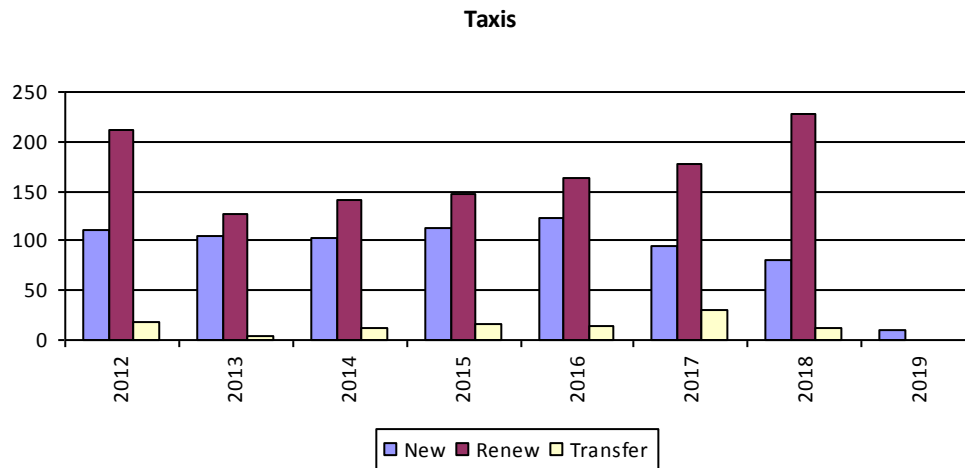
Licensing Act 2003



Breakdown of Temporary Event Notices (TENS) (Graph 3)

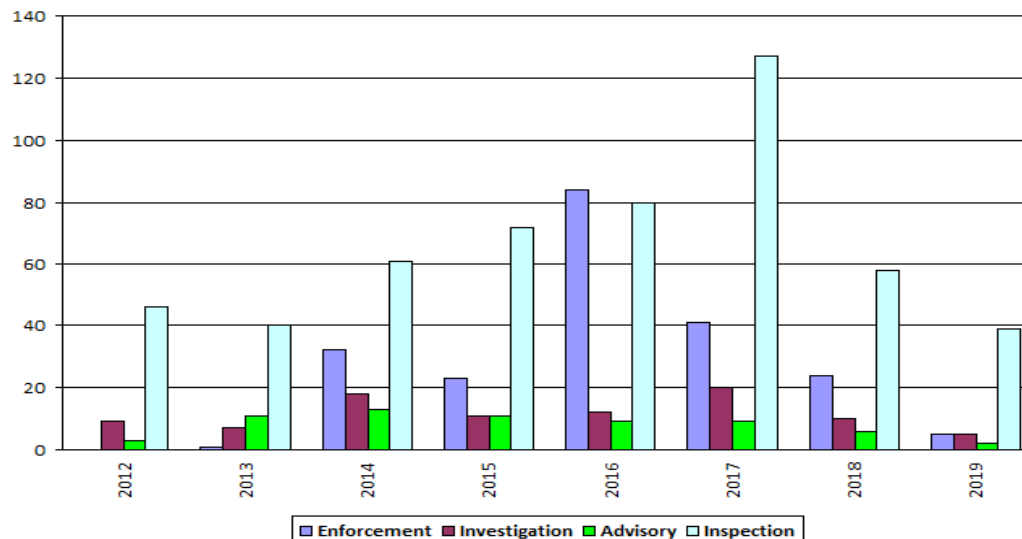


Breakdown of Licences Issued for taxis, including vehicles, drivers, operators (Graph 4)



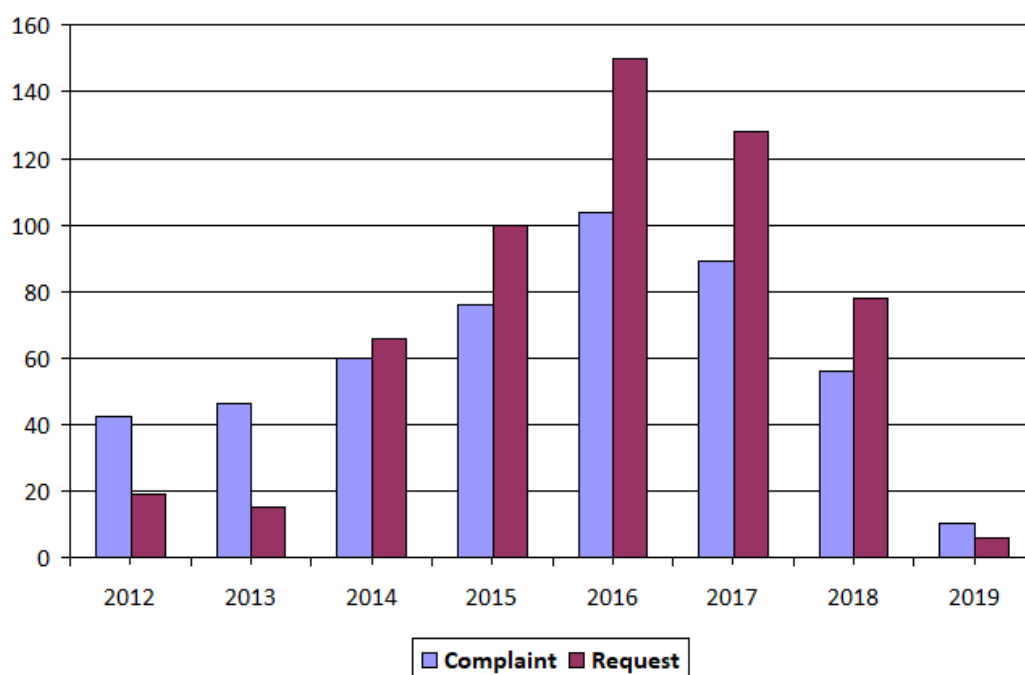
3.7 The following graph shows the number and type of visits per year.

Visits per year (Graph 5)



3.8 The following graph shows totals received per year of complaints /requests which are investigated by the team.

Service Requests/Complaints (Graph 6)



3.9 In addition to the above we also monitor incident records provided by the Police in order to target our enforcement and advisory visits effectively to those licensed premises that have a high number of incidents or that are serious.

3.9.1 Accurate recording of work is vital and the team are reminded regularly to ensure that work is recorded. The information above can be further drilled down to provide information to allow effective day to day management of workloads and to determine where we may experience peaks and troughs to allow for better prioritisation proactive and project/focused work. The change in database may have impacted on the recording of service requests and complaints and this will be reviewed.

4 Implications and Recommendations

N/A

5 Financial Implications and Risks

5.1 Not Applicable to this report.

6 Sustainability

6.1 Not Applicable to this report.

7 Equality and Diversity

7.1 Not Applicable to this report.

8 Section 17 Crime and Disorder considerations

8.1 Not Applicable to this report.