

BGCBC Taxi Policy Consultation Oct 2022

CCTV in Taxis – Responses from other Local Authorities

Questions to all Welsh Licensing authorities:-

Has any LA mandated CCTV in taxis in line with the WG policy template guidelines?

If yes, is the LA the data controller?

If you do mandate it, do you know roughly the cost of purchasing and installing CCTV?

Does the vehicle proprietor/licence holder bear the full costs of purchase/installation or is there any funding available from the LA?

Name of LA	CCTV mandated Y/N	Comments
Blaenau Gwent	No	DPO comments – in the event that the Council chooses to explore the option of mandating CCTV I would proceed very cautiously as this will result in Blaenau Gwent potentially taking on a shared responsibility for the CCTV system and its use. This would mean that should there be any breaches or inappropriate disclosures of information or footage (e.g. footage put up on Facebook, Youtube etc) the Council would be held jointly liable. We would also potentially be responsible for ensuring correct security procedures, training and policies were in place. Consequently, as the Data Protection Officer for the Council I feel that it is less risk for the council to NOT mandate this currently.
Bridgend	No	none
Caerphilly	No	Voluntary only, no intention to mandate at moment
Cardiff	No	None
Carmarthen	No	None
Denbighshire	No	None
Newport	No	if a driver wants CCTV they need to following the council standard
Powys	No	Voluntary basis

Vale of Glamorgan	No	None
Welsh Government	N/A	<p>The guidance was discretionary but it was recommended that local authorities were data controllers as otherwise individuals and operators would need to register with ICO and it would be really difficult to control. It also gives the LA more control over the data when there are complaints.</p> <p>The guidance was aimed at getting consistency across Wales, but as only discretionary you could implement your own policy.</p>