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Security the issue for CCTV in taxis

TAXIS in Brighton & Hove will have to be fitted with CCTV Cameras from this April in order to have their existing hackney licences renewed according to Brighton & Hove City Council.

Installing CCTV cameras have been shown to lead to reduced threats and violence against drivers. They can also be useful when there is a dispute with a passenger.

One of the most contentious issues has also been resolved, so that In vehicle CCTV systems in Brighton & Hove must not be used to record conversations between members of the public as this is highly intrusive and unlikely to be justified except in very exceptional circumstances. This means that in the City all CCTV Cameras installed in taxis will have no audio just the pictures which of course can be used in evidence when needed.

All taxis with cameras can highlight the presence of CCTV to passengers by having a sign in the vehicle which will be visible as you enter the cab.

Installing CCTV Cameras in taxis in Brighton & Hove will help improve taxi services in the City as well as make it safer and more secure for drivers and the general public

Hove & Portslade MP, Mike Weatherley visited Keyhole Security, in Vale Road, Portslade, who are experts in Security, Surveillance and CCTV and have been certified by Brighton & Hove Hackney



Carriage to install these cameras. He was shown how the installation and operation of CCTV is carried out by Jason McCreaney, CEO of the Company in order to comply with the requirements of the Information Commissions CCTV Code of Practice.

Mr Weatherley said, "Having been a taxi driver during my student days, I can understand that taxi drivers need protection from abusive customers and people who will not pay their fares. I was pleased to hear that Keyhole Security is providing a local solution to the security requirements laid down by Brighton & Hove City Council."

Jason McCreaney, the CEO of Keyhole Security said, "I am delighted to welcome our local MP to see the service we are providing for the taxi drivers and the general public of Sussex. The cost of installation is very low and we have provided many extras to make it reasonable for all taxi drivers in our City to have their taxis done as well as a free workshop to explain the process to them"

If you want to know more about CCTV cameras for your home or business, please contact Jason McCreaney at Keyhole Security on 0845 1 800 200 and checkout www.keyholesecurity.co.uk