



GLA16/8.5 Releasing Information to the Press

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Issue

1. The interim Strategic Assessment states that the 'naming and shaming' of labour providers and labour users should be a core element of the GLA approach. Naming and shaming' will usually take the form of a press release and the release of defined information (detailed below). The general principles in this paper have been considered and approved by the GLA User Group.

Recommendations

2. The board is recommended to agree the above policy in full and also agree to publish this policy on the press office page of the GLA website.

Background

General principles

3. Where the GLA revokes a licence with immediate effect, a press release is immediately issued.
4. Where the GLA revokes without immediate effect and the labour provider can continue to trade, the GLA will not normally issue a press release until the time for an appeal has elapsed or the appeal has been lost by the labour provider.
5. The exception to (4) is where the justification for the revocation is already in the public domain and it is in the public interest to be open about the GLA decision.
6. Where investigations and operations are carried out the GLA will not name labour providers or labour users.
7. The GLA will not name any labour provider or labour user who are faced with prosecution action.
8. The GLA will not issue a press release where a labour provider has reapplied and been granted a licence before their initial licence was formally revoked.

Information released to the press alongside a revoked licence press release

9. List of licensing standards breached (would be superseded by the appeal decision letter if an appeal was heard).
10. Name of principle authority of revoked labour provider business.

11. Contact details of the labour provider business that is subject to revocation (including business address and business telephone number).
12. Sector the labour provider supplied to (e.g. fresh produce, food processing).
13. Crop picked or packed (e.g. carrots, potatoes, salads, ready meals, etc.).
14. Number of workers involved (if the information is available).
15. Nationalities of workers involved (if the information is available).
16. Notification of labour users connected to the revocation (if the information is available and has been confirmed).