

# Licence Holder Satisfaction Survey - review

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#### 1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 This report sets out how the GLA have surveyed licence holders for the last two years, the outcome of these surveys and recommends ways to improve the process

#### 2. Recommendation

2.1 The method used to survey licence holder should be changed in line with the recommendations below to improve the return rate and quality of information provided

#### 3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 Obtaining meaningful feedback from licence holders is vital to ensure that the GLA is engaging effectively and providing the required standard of service.
- 3.2 The GLA Strategy for Protecting Vulnerable and Exploited Workers 2014-17 includes a delivery plan target to:

"By January 2015 to have improved the licence holder survey response rate to 15%."

"Improve the satisfaction of licence holders with the service provided by the GLA to 85% in year one and reviewed /revised thereafter (2013-14 baseline = 78%)."

- 3.3 969 licence holders and 31 applicants were surveyed. 111 licence holders and applicants replied. So a response rate of 11.7%, in comparison to 10.7% last year.
- 3.4 In 2014 the GLA had an average score of 7.8 out of ten, this got put in as 78% when it was actually 83%. This year the average score was 8.16 out of 10 which is 86% satisfaction rate and an increase of 3% in real terms.
- 3.5 Currently, the Licensing Team spends around 80 hours undertaking and analysing the survey. On the analysis of the results, it does not seem the most effective way to survey and it does not produce tangible results which can assist the GLA in improving its performance.
- 3.6 Therefore, the following suggested approach to surveys is made:

| Section             | Team                     | Way of surveying   |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Application process | Licensing                | Online survey sent from the Licensing Team at the end of the process |
| GLA inspection      | Compliance and Licensing | Covered by the compliance teams current survey                       |

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| Licence maintenance    | Licensing      | Online survey sent from the Licensing Team at the end of the process                |
| Renewal process        | Licensing      | Online survey sent from the Licensing Team at the end of the process                |
| Advice and guidance    | Licensing      | Online survey sent from the Licensing Team at the end of the process                |
| Reporting Intelligence | Intelligence   | Link to an online survey on the GLA website on the reporting intelligence page      |
| GLA website            | Communications | A survey to pop up on the website when people use it                                |
| General questions      | Organisational | Issue a short survey annually to licence holders regarding the remaining questions. |

- 3.7 The above would see the relevant teams above (save for Intelligence and Communications) issue a short survey at the relevant time. This should improve not only the response rate but also the quality of information received:
  - Being online will make it easier for people to complete, as they will not have to email or post this back,
  - Being shorter, people are more likely to complete it, and
  - Being asked at the relevant time, should lead to more useful information as well as increase the response rate.
- 3.8 It is proposed that the above surveys should be run through survey monkey. As this will allow people to complete this online, as will as it providing statistical analysis.
- 3.9 Consideration should be given as to the percentage of respondents the GLA wishes to survey. It may be better to sample a % of LP's and extrapolate if you get a higher return rate.

# 4. Summary of Key Points

4.1 Currently, the GLA issues an annual survey to all GLA licence holders and applicants ("respondents") in order to obtain their opinions on the application process, GLA inspections, licence maintenance, the renewal process,

- receiving advice and guidance, reporting intelligence and use of the GLA's website. The GLA separately surveys stakeholders.
- 4.2 The respondents are asked to complete the sections of the form that are relevant if they have experienced any of those headings in the previous 12 months. On average it would take 5-10 minutes to complete. See annex A
- 4.3 The survey is emailed to all respondents where the GLA holds an email address and posted to the remainder. A reminder was sent by email (or post as applicable) during the survey period in 2013.
- 4.4 This year, the licensing team as well as an email reminder being sent, sent reminders when people emailed in with enquires, mentioned the survey during phone calls, and also reminded licence holders during renewal.
- 4.5 Despite this extra effort, the targets regarding this survey were not met or just met. Further, the information received does not hold the value which it could due to the low response rate, and the fact that this is an annual survey.

## 5. Financial Implications and Budget Provision

5.1 The basic free Survey Monkey package would not be sufficient due to the question limitations, the limitations regarding the number or responses, analysis of information as well as the inability to suitably brand the questionnaire. Therefore, the cost involved would be either £26 per month (or £229 per year) for the select plan, or £299 per year for the gold plan. More research would need to be done regarding which package would be most suitable. It could be used to facilitate other surveys e.g. Staff Survey and the stakeholder survey

# 6. Organisational Risks

6.1 If we do not obtain feedback from Licence Holders, they are likely to feel disengaged with the GLA and it will impede the organisation from improving and meeting its strategic priorities.

# 7. Policy Implications and Links to Strategic Priorities

7.1 This links to the strategic priority, "maintain credible licensing scheme creating level playing field & promoting growth".

#### 8. Details of Consultation/EQIA

8.1 Not applicable

## 9. Background Papers and Relevant Published Documents

9.1 GLA Licence Holder and Applicants Satisfaction Survey 2014 (appendix A)

The GLA Strategy for Protecting Vulnerable and Exploited Workers 2014 - 2017.

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#### **APPENDIX A**

### **GLA Licence Holder and Applicants Satisfaction Survey 2014**

The closing date for responses is 29 December 2014. Please return the form by:

Email: <a href="mailto:survey@gla.gsi.gov.uk">survey@gla.gsi.gov.uk</a> or Post: Satisfaction Survey, GLA, PO Box 10272, Nottingham NG2 9PB

| Nam | e (optional)   |                          |                       |                        | Business Na                       | me (option  | nal)                           |      |          |               |             |
|-----|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|------|----------|---------------|-------------|
| 1.  | Are you:   |                          |                       |                        |                                   | a licence   | holder                         |      |          | an app        | licant      |
| 2.  | What is the turnover of your business in the GLA licensed sectors?   |                          |                       | £10 million or more    |                                   |             | From £5 million to £10 million |      |          |               |             |
|     |  |                          |                       |                        |                                   | £5          | million                        |      |          | 5 man £1 m    |             |
| 3.  | Did you apply for a licence in the past 12 months?   |                          |                       | Yes (go to question 4) |                                   |             | No (go to question 8)          |      |          |               |             |
|     | Application  | n Process                | – ONLY IF             | APPLIE                 | D IN THE LA                       | ST 12 MO    | NTHS                           |      |          |               |             |
| 4.  | How long ha  | ave you be               | en licensec           | l?                     | years                             | mo          | nths                           |      |          |               |             |
| 5.  | 1 is very dis  | ssatisfied,              | 10 is comple          | etely sa               |                                   |             | -                              |      | •        | •             | 40          |
|     | 1  | <b>2</b><br>□            | <b>3</b> □            | 4                      | 5<br>□                            | 6           | <b>7</b><br>□                  |      | 8        | 9             | 10<br>□     |
| 6.  | How easy v   |                          |                       | m to cor               | mplete?                           |             |                                |      |          |               |             |
|     | 1<br>  | <b>2</b>                 | <b>3</b> □            | <b>4</b>               | 5                                 | <b>6</b> □  | <b>7</b>                       |      | <b>8</b> | 9<br>         | 10          |
| 7.  | CHAPS, Fa  | ster Paym                |                       | , cheque               | ying the applice, bankers drafent | ,           |                                |      |          |               | S,          |
|     | <b>1</b> □   | <b>2</b><br>□            | <b>3</b> □            | 4                      | <b>5</b> □                        | <b>6</b> □  | <b>7</b> □                     |      | 8        | <b>9</b>      | <b>10</b> □ |
|     | Cl A Inone   | otions                   |                       |                        |                                   |             |                                |      |          |               |             |
| 8.  | Have you b the past 12   | een insped               | cted by the (         | GLA in                 | Yes (                             | go to ques  | stion 9)                       |      | No (go   | o to questio  | n 15) 🗌     |
| 9.  | Did the insp<br>process?   | ector expl               | ain the insp          | ection                 |                                   |             | Yes                            |      |          |               | No 🗌        |
| 10. | Did the insp<br>explanatory<br>Information   | leaflet "In<br>Sheet" an | spection<br>d the GLA | of the                 | Inspection i                      | nformation  |                                |      | Com      |               | actice      |
|     | Compliance   | Code of F                | Practice?             |                        |                                   |             | Both                           | Ш    |          | IN6           | either 🗌    |
| 11. | How satisfied were you with the thoroughness of the inspection?     1 is very dissatisfied, 10 is completely satisfied |                          |                       |                        |                                   |             |                                |      |          |               |             |
|     | <b>1</b> □   | <b>2</b> □               | <b>3</b> □            | <b>4</b>               | <b>5</b> □                        | <b>6</b> □  | <b>7</b> □                     |      | 8        | <b>9</b><br>□ | <b>10</b> □ |
| 12. | How profes   |                          |                       |                        | inspector?  10 is very pro        | fessional a | and court                      | eous |          |               |             |

GLA45/13 Annex C 1 2 3 5 7 10 13. Did the inspector properly explain any Yes No areas of concern? 14. How satisfied were you with the length of time for you to be informed of the result of the inspection? 1 is very dissatisfied, 10 is completely satisfied 1 4 5 6 7 8 2 3 9 10 **Licence Maintenance** 15. Have you had to update your licence Yes (go to question 16) No (go to question 17) record in the past 12 months? 16. How satisfied were you with the process for updating your licence record? 1 is very dissatisfied, 10 is completely satisfied 7 10 5 8 9 П **Renewal Process** 17. Have you renewed your licence in the Yes (go to question 18) No (go to question 20) past 12 months? 18. Overall, how satisfied were you with the process for renewing your licence? 1 is very dissatisfied, 10 is completely satisfied 7 8 9 10 19. How convenient were the methods for paying the renewal fee (the methods of payment are BACS, CHAPS, Faster Payment Service, cheque, bankers draft or international credit transfer)? 1 is not at all convenient, 10 is very convenient 5 7 1 2 4 6 8 9 10 3 **Advice and Guidance** 20. Have you telephoned the GLA helpline Yes (go to question 21) No (go to question 23) in the past 12 months? 21. Overall, how satisfied were you with telephoning the GLA helpline? 1 is very dissatisfied, 10 is completely satisfied 1 2 5 6 7 8 9 10 3 4 П Was your call handled in a professional and courteous manner? 22. 1 is not at all professional and courteous, 10 is very professional and courteous 1 2 3 4 5 6 8 9 10 7 23. Have you written to the GLA for advice in the past 12 months (either by email Yes (go to question 24) No (go to question 25) or letter)? How satisfied were you with the way the GLA handled your query? 24.

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| 25. | Have you re<br>GLA in the p      | •             | •             | the      | Yes (go          | to ques    | tion 26)            | □ No     | ) (go to questi                         | on 30) 🗌      |
| 26. | After you ha you understanext?   | •             | _             |          |                  |            | Yes                 |          |   | No 🗌          |
| 27. | Overall, how<br>1 is very dis    |               | •             |          | process for repo | orting int | telligence?         |          |   |               |
|     | 1<br>                            | 2             | 3<br>         | 4        | 5                | 6          | <b>7</b>            | 8        | 9                                       | 10            |
| 28. | How did you<br>GLA?              | ı report ir   | ntelligence t | o the    | (go              | -          | ephone<br>stion 29) | ema      | ail / through the<br>w<br>(go to questi | ebsite        |
| 29. | •                                | •             | _             |          | ed in a professi |            |                     |          | )                                       |               |
|     | 1                                | <b>2</b><br>□ | <b>3</b> □    | <b>4</b> | <b>5</b> □       | 6          | 7<br>               | 8        | 9<br>                                   | 10            |
|     | GLA Websi                        | te            |               |          |                  |            |                     |          |   |               |
| 30. | Have you vis                     |               | GLA websit    | e in     | Yes (go          | to ques    | tion 31)            | □ No     | go to questi                            | on 32) 🗌      |
| 31. | How satisfie                     | •             |               |          |                  |            |                     |          |   |               |
|     | 1                                | <b>2</b> □    | 3             | 4        | 5                | 6          | <b>7</b>            | 8        | 9                                       | 10            |
|     | General Qu                       | estions       |               |          |                  |            |                     |          |   |               |
| 32. | For your bus                     |               |               | 12       | Significantly    | ,          | Slightly            | No ir    | mpact Dif                               | ficult to say |
|     | Increased of                     |               |               |          |                  |            |                     | <u>[</u> | <u> </u>                                |               |
|     | Reduced pro                      |               |               | ctors    |                  |            |                     | <u>_</u> | <u> </u>                                |               |
|     | not covered                      |               |               | !        |                  |            |                     |          | _<br>                                   |               |
| 00  | Reduced fra                      |               | -             | l        |                  |            |                     | L        |   |               |
| 33. | Do you have GLA might in scheme? | •             |               | ne       |                  |            |                     |          |   |               |
| 34. | Overall, how                     |               | •             |          | LA's performand  | ce?        |                     |          |   |               |
|     | 1                                | <b>2</b> □    | 3<br>         | <b>4</b> | 5                | 6          | <b>7</b>            | 8        | 9                                       | 10            |
| 35. | Do you have comments?            | e any ado     | ditional      |          |                  |            |                     |          |   |               |

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| 36. | Would you be interested in attending a GLA licence holder conference? | Yes | No 🗆 |
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Thank you for completing this survey

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