Strategic review of the management of occupational road risk

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#### **Aims**

After setting historic policy context, explore:

- Academic literature looking at effectiveness
- Current size and nature of the problem
- European perspective and performance to-date
- Implementation of MORR at a local level, particularly in smaller fleets
- Strengths and weaknesses in MORR approaches
- Recommended actions for successful implementation and evaluation in the future.

#### **Objectives**

- An update of the evidence on the effectiveness of WRRS approaches
- Analysis of data on casualties
- Interviews with key stakeholders in the UK and Europe (also review of documentation)
- A review of how strategies are implemented in a sample of smaller fleets
- Identify gaps
- A stakeholder event to develop an action plan
- Develop recommendations

## Literature review update

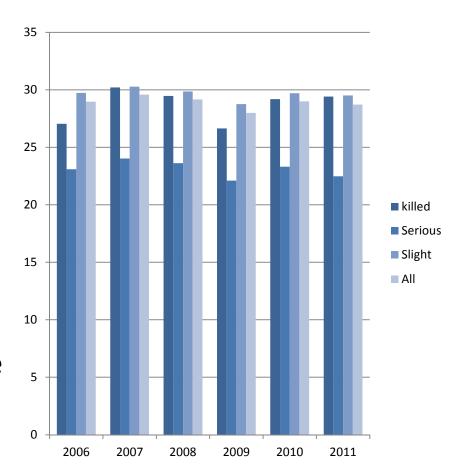
#### Literature review update

- Increased research into work-related road risk and known risk factors
- Continued advocacy of theory over data
- Still no strong evidence for any specific interventions
- Self-report data are still prevalent (which is ok for research purposes) but for evaluation of impact, boxes in vehicles offer a far better prospect than do ticks in boxes

## **Analysis of data**

# How many casualties are there in work related accidents?

- Health and Safety Executive (HSE) estimated 30% of road deaths involve someone at work (1999 data)
- Work-related Road Safety Task Group (WRSTG) estimated 25% road accidents involve someone at work (c2000)
- Chart shows STATS19 percentage involving driver/rider driving for work



### Changes in business miles

#### **Company cars**

2.3 m registered with average business miles 19,760/year

Changes in taxation since 2002/03 led to large reduction as switched to driving own car on company business. 85% now registered to fleets (>25 vehicles).



#### **Grey fleet**

Privately owned cars driven on company business.

Estimated 4 million with average business miles 8,130/year



#### Vans and heavy good vehicles

#### Light vans <3.5t

3.28m registered in 2012 – 9.5% all registered vehicles



#### **HGV >3.5t**

5.1m registered in 2007 steep fall to 4.6m in 2012 now heavier - 27.4t compared with 22.4t in 2001

Large increase possibly due to internet shopping, home based deliveries and self employed trades



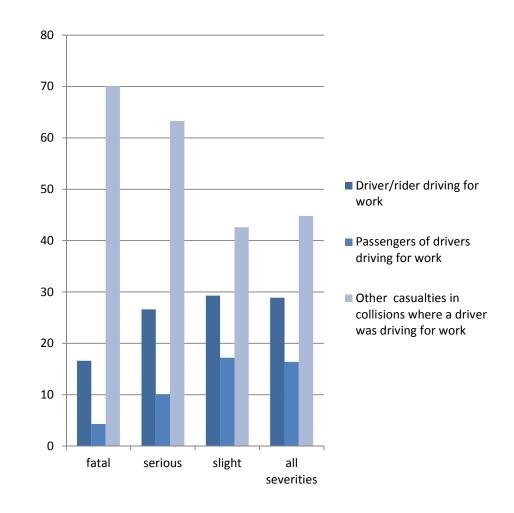
Reduction possibly due to downturn in construction and retail

### Why does this matter

- The change in fleet composition and miles driven may have had an effect on distribution of casualties and severity of injury since earlier estimates
- In 1999 TRL estimated company car drivers largest group of working drivers but had increased crash likelihood of between 30 and 50% over private motorists.
- Now many fewer company car drivers and many more van drivers.

### Who is injured in work related accidents?

- It is not just the at-work driver or their passenger who is injured
- It is mostly other casualties either in other vehicles or vulnerable road users



## Interviews with strategic stakeholders

#### Views of strategic stakeholders

- Explored opportunities and barriers to reducing occupational road risks, and their perception of strategic gaps
  - Interviews with representatives from:
    - ETSC (European Transport Safety Council)
    - EU OSHA (European Agency for Safety and Health at Work)
    - HSE (Health and Safety Executive)
    - Roadsafe
    - Police
    - Danish Road Safety Council

#### **Findings**

- Large translational gap
- Opportunity could be a Road Safety Performance Index on work related road safety as a policy instrument to help EU Member States improve road safety
- Cross border issues: awareness of different speed limits on local roads across Europe; need to provide adequate rest areas
- Economic climate: creating unreasonable demands on drivers
- Tachographs: can be abused by the unscrupulous

#### Findings continued...

- Telematics: may help with the administrative burden
- Data: difficult to understand the size and nature of the problem; other sources: Insurance data/ national Roads
   Policing Intelligence Forum to identify emerging trends
- Political leadership: Lack of cross departmental leadership from the DfT; Other EU countries are identifying occupational road risk as a key issue and consolidating their approach across sectors
- HSE does not include within RIDDOR occupational road casualties as a reportable injury at work – hide behind inclusion in police reported STATS19

### Findings continued...

- UK insurance market: European governments actively engage with insurance companies in awareness raising programmes to reduce occupational road risk
- Procurement: commissioners play a more proactive role make sure suppliers throughout the supply chain sign up to MORR
- Licensing and training of drivers: licensing authorities (DSA) and driving schools could take a more proactive role on driving for work

### **Small fleets**

#### Interviews with small businesses

- Snapshot of what is happening 'on the ground'
- In-depth interviews with 21 companies
  - Perception of the issue
  - Awareness of advice/guidance
  - Actions taken/current practice
  - Perceived control over risk factors
  - Attitudes to future initiatives

Sector	Participant role	No. of employees	Total fleet size
Transportation/communications/ electric/gas/sanitary service	Logistics Manager	1,100	400
Healthcare equipment/services supplier	Regional Operations Manager	450 (over 13 sites)	130 (<20 per site)
Local authority	General Manager & Team Leader	>20,000	150
Construction	Transport Manager	230	106
Healthcare/NHS	Fleet Manager	10,000	65
Water and sewage works	Chairman	70	64
Transport/courier	Managing Director	49	53
Public sector	H&S Advisor	735	20
Transport research/consultancy	Safety, Health & Environment Manager	350	20
Transport	Managing Director	50	15
Charity (residential/nursing homes)	Finance/admin Manager	243	15
Retail	Retail Director	78	14
Funeral services	Partner	11	13
Building and distribution	Branch Manager	37 (at site in question)	12
Charity (on behalf of central gvmt)	Fleet Consultant	200	12 (excl. grey fleet)
Publishing	Office Manager	57	12
Entertainment lighting	Transport Manager	160 (+freelance)	11
Funeral services	Director	6	8
Commercial cleaning	Business Development Manager	<20	7
Marketing services	Managing Director	50	1
Fleet management	Fleet Manager	not provided	1-15

#### Responses

# Perception of the road safety issue

- Generally reported as being important
- Not always seen as a priority or as a great concern

# Awareness of advice/guidance

Low levels of knowledge/use (see separate graph)

# Actions taken/current practice

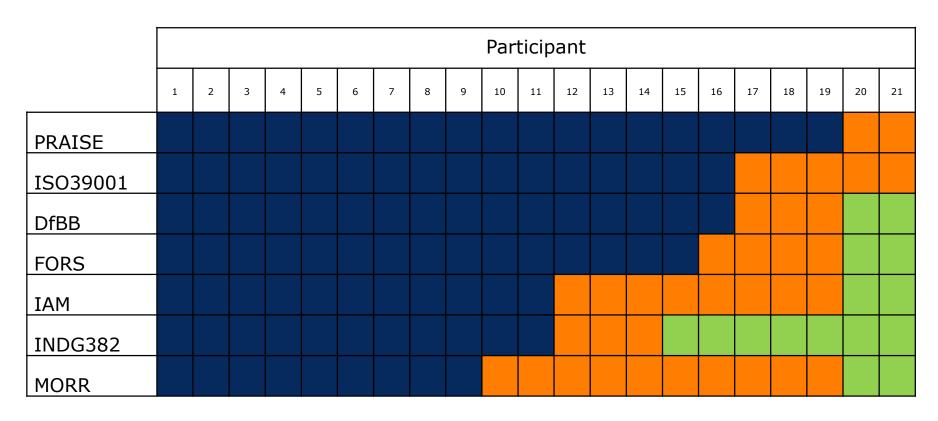
 Driving licence checks, driving-related risk assessments, driver policies/procedures seen as effective means of reducing risk

#### Perceived control

- Low perceived control over time of day of driving
- Medium perceived control over driving under pressure

# Attitudes to future initiatives

- Telematics 'big brother' and cost concerns
- Mixed view of the role of insurance companies



■ Not heard of ■ Heard of but not used ■ Heard of and used

## Gaps

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- Lack of ownership
- Lack of penetration at local level
- How can commissioning ensure delivery throughout the supply chain
- Lack of harmonised data across Europe
- Lack of evaluation

#### Gaps

- The need to raise awareness
- Partnerships who needs to work together, what data and approached should be shared?
- What role does driver professionalization play, should it start at licensing level?
- How can we create consistent guidance?

#### **Recomendations**

# Recommendations – a better understanding of the problem

- A better understanding of the problem changing nature of the vehicle parc and the types of people driving for work - is there excess risk?
- How accurate is the journey purpose
- EU directive -to report transport injuries at work
- Only data used by HSE is the Labour Force Survey what about enhanced RIDDOR



#### Recommendations – policy and advocacy

- DfT convene new working group to enhance data – multiple data sets
- Periodic review of serious and fatal
- HSC/E change policy so employers report to RIDDOR injure themselves or others
- Indicator for driving for work national road strategy
- Stronger regulation and fines where insufficient management of risk
- ETSC adopt a performance indicator work towards a harmonised indicator







# Recommendations – raising awareness and embedding good practice

- DfT DVSA businesses develop module

   driving for work targeting known risk
   factors
- National "Think!" campaign co fund with business/ insurance companies
- Revive the occupational alliance
- DfT develop a code of practice for managing risk
- Enforcement –police work with companies to manage risk (revenue from speed awareness course)







#### Recommendations – monitoring and evaluation

 Insurance based telematics improve access and analysis of data on behalf individuals and smaller fleets

 Research/business/insurers to develop evaluation methods and to enhance our understanding of what works for who and under what circumstances



