ARE MEDICAL FITNESS TO DRIVE PROCEDURES FIT FOR PURPOSE?

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Policy Context – EU Driving Licence Directive

• The EU Driving Licence Directive
  • Annex III minimum standards
  • No initial, nor periodic checks
  • Medical examination only if…… ‘it becomes apparent’ that they suffer from medical condition
What role do medical conditions play in road safety?

- Illnesses/conditions potentially affecting medical fitness to drive
  15 Countries YES, 9 Countries NO
- In depth crash investigation (Finland)
Medical Fitness to Drive Testing

On obtaining a licence
• Self assessment (9), doctor (12), specialist doctor/centre (5), other (3)

After obtaining a licence
• Age-based testing (13), Regular testing not age-based (10), No regular testing (6)
Medical Fitness to Drive Testing

- Quality of life
- Road safety risk
How are medical fitness to drive decisions taken?

What are the functional consequences of an illness?
How can driving be restricted?

- Conditional codes
- Alcohol interlocks
Key Recommendations – to National Governments

• Evidence-based screening tools and protocols
• Role of General Practitioners
• Alcohol dependency
Key Recommendations – to the EU

- Update minimum standards of physical and mental fitness
- Alcohol dependency
- Screening protocol based on international good practice
- Guidelines for all those assessing medical fitness to drive