BLUE BADGE ENFORCEMENT
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Introduction

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Disabled Persons Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009
INTRODUCTION

- Post established in 2005 (Only LA in Scotland)
- Public Transport and Accessibility CEC administers the issuing of all Blue Badges
- Ensure that misuse of the Blue Badge scheme is minimised
- Appropriate action is taken against offenders
- Approx 21,000 CEC badges in circulation
DOCTRINE

Legislation and Guidance

• Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000 (RIP(S)A) (with associated relevance to the Human Rights Act).

• Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA).

• Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA).

• The Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970

• The Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (2007)

• Common Law Fraud
LIAISON

- Lothian and Borders Police (Training)
- LA’s (Training)
- Residents Permit Section
- CCTV Services
- Procurator Fiscals Office
OFFENDING

• Each offence has to be examined and determined on its own facts and merits as no two cases will be the same.

• However, it is expected that all cases will fall into one of main categories
  – Family/Friend Misuse (70%)
  – Lost or Stolen Badges (1163/168 since start 2008)
  – Forged/copied Tampered
EDINBURGH CONCESSIONS

Unlimited waiting on single and double yellow lines
SANCTIONS

- No further action (insufficient evidence)
- A warning letter to the offender/badge holder
- Issuing a PCN
- Removal of the vehicle
- Withdrawal of the blue badge
- Verbal Warning/Caution
- Prosecution
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WHO

Parking Card for people with disabilities
SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT BLUE BADGE REVIEW

- Data sharing
- Enforcement powers, e.g. on-spot confiscation
- Improved badge design & security
- Raising awareness of misuse
- Ensure that those who are most in need of a Badge are able to have one
- Reducing abuse and preventing fraud
- Value of the scheme
- Consistency
Disabled Person Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009

• Scottish Government working Group
• LA’s to enforce ALL on and off street disabled bays
• Identify
• TRO
• Signage etc
• Two yearly report/contact
The Future
Questions