

## Portsmouth TCM Surgery - Tuesday 11th March

Sheila started off the meeting announcing there will be no more surgeries until further notice. This is due to restructuring of the grading system within the DVSA. This will come into effect from 1st April. This is when the DSA is combined with VOSA.

Sheila will not be Test centre Manager as this position no longer exists, she will be classed as Driving Test Examiner, the same as all other staff at the centre. When examiners are out on test the centre will be unmanned and all enquiries will need to be dealt with by customer services. A mobile Manager will oversee centres; the new title will be Local Driving Test Manager (LDTM) and will be responsible for a number of test centres at various locations. Contact details will be available on the notice board as and when they become available.

Please be patient during this transitional period with the examiners, as not sure how this new structure will work in the future.

Surgeries will resume in the future but dates and frequencies have not been determined as yet.

DVSA paperwork will also come into effect from 1 April but the signage will not change as yet.

Please note on test that objects are behind the passenger seats, making it difficult to push the seat back enough for examiners, can these please be removed.

Brackets are also still being sited in front of airbags, again these have to be removed before a test can be carried out. If an airbag was deployed this would have catastrophic consequences.

The smell of Nicotine is being detected in cars which are being presented for test. If the odour is unbearable the car WILL be refused for test purposes. This is stated on the DSA website.

'Your vehicle must: be a smoke-free environment (you can't smoke in the vehicle just before or during the test)'

A warning maybe given if the odour is slight, but if this is repeated the vehicle will be rejected.

No smoking signs MUST be displayed. A few SDIA 'No Smoking' signs will be left at the test centre if you do not have one.

AOB

From the floor it was stated that Pass plus has changed address from Talbot Street to the following address if sending off for certificates.

Passplus DVSA  
The Axis Building  
112 Upper Parliament Street  
Nottingham  
NE1 6LP

0115 936 6551

The unit had moved some time ago , however please check any old paperwork you may have with the incorrect address.

The introduction of the 'Tablet' to be used on test has been delayed.

DL25 not changed yet but training will be given to examiners in April in readiness for the implementation of tablets in the future.