

**Present:**

<b>Ian Greenman</b>	United Kingdom Rescue Organisation (UKRO) - Teams	Chairman
<b>Mary Edwards</b>	Institute of Vehicle Recovery (IVR)	Secretary
<b>Andrew Butterfield</b>	National Highways (NH)	
<b>Ian Andrew</b>	National Tyre Distributors Association (NTDA)	
<b>Lance Williams</b>	NHSS17/17B Specialist	
<b>Bradley Hollands</b>	Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) (Guest)	
<b>Mark Horton</b>	Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) (Guest)	
<b>Stephan Surmont</b>	Nationwide Vehicle Assistance (NWVA) (Guest)	
<b>Gareth Price</b>	South Wales Trunk Road Agent (SWTRA) (GUEST)	

**Apologies for absence:**

<b>Dan Quin</b>	National Fire Chief's Council (NFCC)
<b>Abul Rahman</b>	National Police Chief's Council (NPCC)
<b>Chris Hoare</b>	Institute of Vehicle Recovery (IVR)
<b>Wayne Carey</b>	National Highways (NH)

**Agenda**

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of last meeting
- 3) EV Sub Working Group Progress and Way Forward
- 4) New Scottish Regulations Group
- 5) Recent Advice and Guidance re: STGO Regulations
- 6) EV Protocol and PROSE flowchart for multi-agency working at an incident
- 7) PAS 43
- 8) Proposed work/action plan
- 9) AOB
- 10) Date of Next Meeting

**Meeting opened**

Meeting opened at 14:03. Bradley Holland and Mark Horton introduced themselves as part of the DVSA Enforcement Policy Team. Stephan Surmont introduced himself as the Group Management Director of NWVA, sponsors of PROSE.

**Item 1: Apologies**

As above.

**Item 2: Minutes of last meeting**

IG confirmed the red lamps review had been shared with PROTECT group and had been put onto the website.

The query regarding towing a 3500kg MAM trailer on a Cat 3 Licence had been forwarded to the DVLA but the reply did not answer the question. MH suggested contacting DfT as they could change legislation and forwarded a contact name in the chat. ME to share the letter and the reply with the group. IG to re-visit/resend the letter again.

IG highlighted the action plan/tracker document again. He said it would be shared with the group for endorsement.

LW said there was nothing to add regarding NHSS17/17B, discussions were ongoing regarding how to take it forward.

**ME**  
**IG**

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

**Item 3: EV Sub Working Group Progress and Way Forward**

AB explained EV Group was chaired by NH. The Terms of Reference were defined. The EV Group aim was to work together rather than working in silos, helping to understand and bring the best risk management across all organisations that are required to work with EVs. They were currently trying to gather good practice across organisations.

**Item 4: New Scottish Regulations Group**

IG highlighted that PROSE had been invited to attend the meetings for the Scottish Government group. PROSE were considering attendance so that they could be aware and feedback to PROSE members. The group was Scottish centred but welcomed the devolved nations.

**Item 5: Recent Advice and Guidance re: STGO Regulations**

BH outlined that an amendment had been made to the guidance but the legislation remained unchanged, however the DVSA and the NPCC were taking a pragmatic view. In the longer term amendment to the legislation with the support of the DVSA was being sought.

A letter from the NPCC had been provided to forces highlighting a pragmatic view around enforcement of the notification part of the rules. BH emphasised that aside from that the legislation would be enforced as usual – it was not carte blanche to ignore the legislation.

**Item 6: EV Protocol and PROSE flowchart for multi-agency working at an incident**

IG explained that the multi-agency flowchart would be considered and fed back into the EV subgroup. He said that any national protocol which included Fire Service would need to go into the National Operational Guidance for all Fire and Rescue Services to take it on board. Primary concerns were charging on site which insurance may not cover and structural stability. The NFCC positional statement is for VROs to liaise with their respective Fire Service

**Item 7: PAS 43**

AB said that a new group had been working with the BSI to update the PAS 43 and was to be published soon. The SURVIVE Best Practice Guidelines were also being reviewed and would be published on the PROTECT website. He said that the work had been funded by a small number of organisations and that they were now looking at future workstreams and how they would link in with PROSE.

**Item 8: Proposed work/action plan**

ME to send round the Action Plan/Tracker

**Item 9: AOB**

DVSA Guide for Recovery Operators – BH has the final draft and is chasing for it to be released.

IG to ask National Highways to add IA (NTDA) and GP (SWTRA) to the EV working group. GP suggested North and mid Wales, NI and Scotland should also be involved.

**IG**

SS mentioned that they were working on an apprenticeship scheme that would be available in approx. 1.5 years from now.

Meeting ended 15:08.

**Item 10: Date of next meeting**

Mid May 2026.