# **Business Impact Survey**

**Top Line Results** 

August 2022



### **Business Impact Survey Toplines**

The outlook is far more pessimistic than in March. Economic and ongoing supply issues are creating a very challenging environment.



Over the next six months.....

expect the economy todeteriorate (27% in March)

**38%** expect to see growth in their fleet size (54% in March)

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...and...

#### saw better sales transactions in Q2

2022 than in Q2 2021
(62% Q1 2022 to Q1 2021)
(60% Q3 2020 to Q3 2021)

94% Expect staffing levels to remain the same or increase over the next 12 months (94% in March and October 2021)

expect the **rental sector to improve (**41% in March)

expect the leasing industryto improve (24% in March)





However...

**61%** 

**84%** say that **supply,** is a primary concern, down from 95% in March

65% Directly relating the issue to vehicle supply,

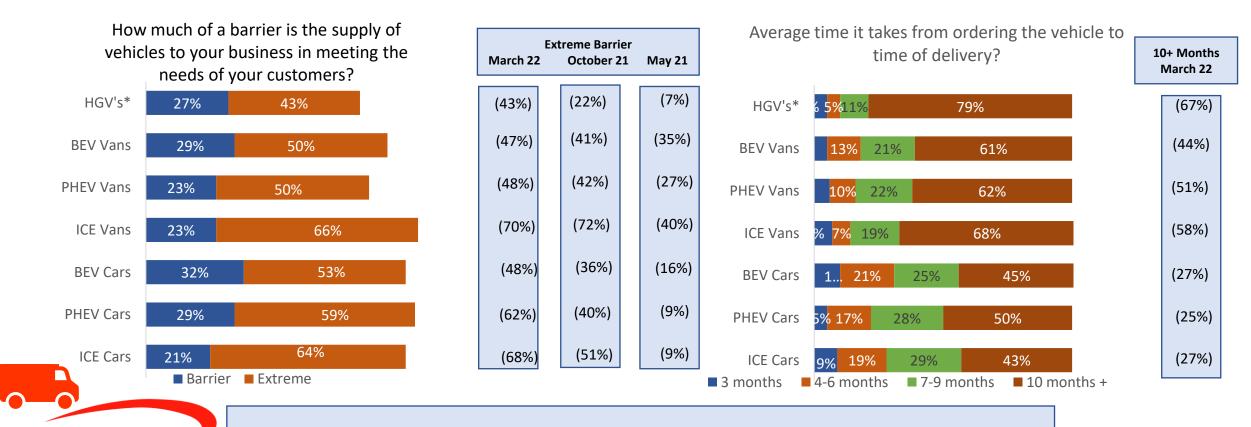
**19%** Commenting on the supply chain byrla.co.uk



(Research conducted online in July/August 2022 with 99 senior BVRLA member contacts)

#### **Business Impact Survey Toplines - Supply**

**Vehicle supply, challenges persist with evidence that the issue is stabilising**. Delivery waiting times of 7 to 12 months plus are the norm.

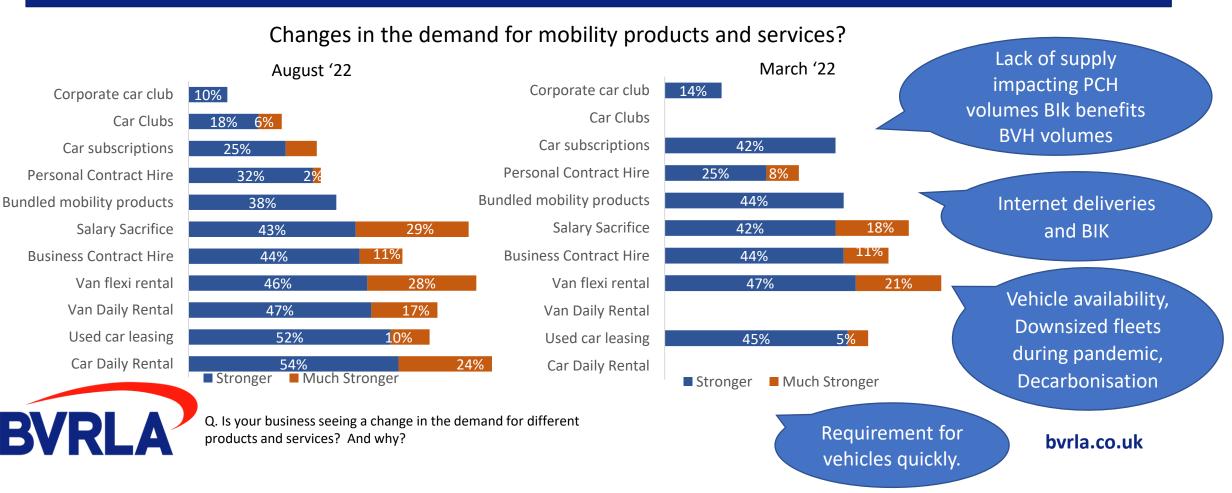


**89%** - advise their fleet is older than seen in 2019 with **30%** saying it is more than 12 months older.

62% - suggest order bank is up 10% or more and 25% think it is double that of the norm seen in 2019.

#### Business Impact Survey Toplines – Mobility Services

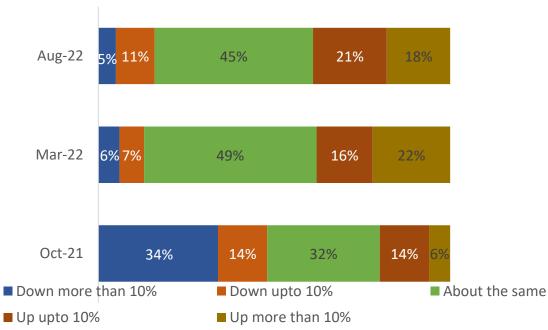
Vehicle supply issues are impacting demand in different ways. Strong demand in the van flexi rental arena and for Salary sacrifice. PCH suffering due to availability and lead times.



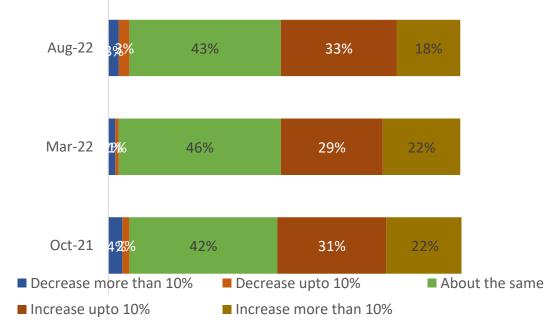
## **Staffing Levels**

Members have generally maintained or increased staffing levels over the last 12 months and are confident that they will not reduce over the next twelve. Issues around staff recruitment appear to be growing.

How do your staffing levels compare with that of the same month a year ago?



What do you think will happen to staffing levels in the next 12 months?





Is your business struggling with the recruitment of new staff?			
	August 22	March 22	
Yes	54%	50%	

#### **Sales Transactions**

The number of sales transactions remains positive although a decline in the number seeing growth above 10% is down on both the March and October 21 figure.

How do your sales transaction for this quarter compare with that of the same quarter a year ago?



Down more than 10%
Down upto 10%
About the same
Up upto 10%
Up more than 10%

**11%** of respondents indicate that the number of regulated customers contacting them because of payment difficulties has increased since January 2022.

The average increase across these organisations is **11%** 

#### **Consumer Duty**

Awareness and understanding of the impact of changes in consumer duty has improved since March. 7 in 10 businesses have begun work to understand the impact and half have a plan to implement when required.

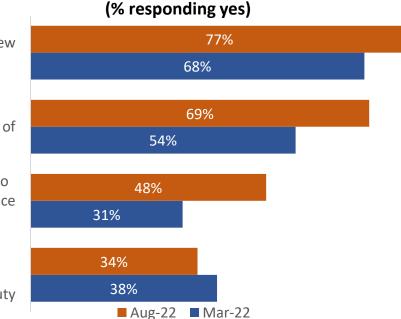
The finalised rules for the new Consumer Duty will be announced in July 2022 and are planned to come into effect in April 2023. Please indicate Yes or No for each statement below.

My business is aware of the new Consumer Duty

My business has begun work on understanding the possible impacts of Consumer duty

My business has a plan for how to implement the Consumer Duty once the rules are finalised

My business will need external supportto assist with the implementation of the Consumer Duty



Based on the FCA proposal, which of the following Consumer Duty outcomes are likely to have a major impact on your business functions

Outcome	March 22	August 22
Price and Value	42%	41%
Consumer Understanding	49%	32%
Consumer Support	42%	30%
Products and services	42%	29%
None of these	30%	38%



#### **Consumer Duty - Leasing Brokers**

Broker awareness of changes in consumer duty is close to 100%. 4 in 5 brokers have begun work to understand the impact and two thirds have a plan to implement when required.

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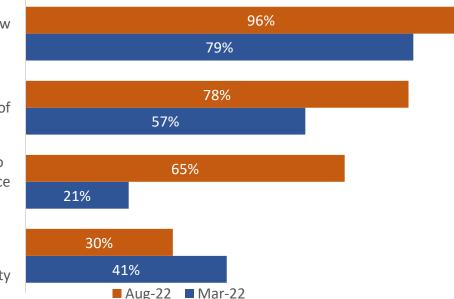
(% responding yes)

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Based on the FCA proposal, which of the following Consumer Duty outcomes are likely to have a major impact on your business functions

Outcome	March 22	August 22
Price and Value	41%	43%
Consumer Understanding	45%	43%
Consumer Support	41%	26%
Products and services	31%	26%
None of these	31%	26%

