



CARERS FACT SHEET 3d

Transport

Getting out and about with the person you care for

There is no reason why you shouldn't go out with the person you care for – nobody likes to be stuck indoors all the time and there are schemes that can help you to get about more easily.

There are transport schemes, concessionary travel, the disabled persons permit scheme (known as the Blue Badge Scheme) and paid adaptations to a private car.

If you need transport to hospital by car or ambulance your doctor / consultant may be able to arrange this or you may be able to get support from a Neighbourcare scheme in your area - contact 023 9289 9671 or www.neighbourcare.org.uk for information.

Licensed Vehicles Available with Disabled and Wheelchair Access

Private Hire Operators are required to register with the local District Council who can provide you with a list of operators available in your area. You can also find a list in Yellow Pages. Please check likely cost of journey when booking especially when going outside the registered area.

Dial-a-Ride Schemes

There are dial-a-ride schemes in most areas that provide accessible vehicles for use by people who cannot use public transport.

They provide a wheelchair accessible, door-to-door transport service so that people can maintain their social and community living within the city e.g. shopping, visiting friends, going to the theatre. Fares are very reasonable depending on the length of the journey.

Friends, relatives and carers may travel with the person using the service.

Dial-a-ride cannot be used to provide transport for day centres, hospital or GP appointments.

Blue Badge Scheme

This gives parking concessions for people with severe walking difficulties etc. Application forms and leaflets from The Blue Badge Unit, Hampshire County Council, Mottisfont Court, Winchester, SO23 8ZB Telephone 0845 603 5633.