

Travel Training & Skills Development Service

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How does it work?

Each component of the travel plan is identified and initial estimates made as to how much support is required within each of the stages.

Also at this point, other considerations such as mobility, access, travel costs, time-tabling, risk assessments and general safety are taken into account.

Once a plan has been decided upon and agreed to, the training begins. This involves such elements as landmark recognition, road safety, awareness of others, decision making and learning to travel using public transport.



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Safe travel training and travel support for people with learning disabilities



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The service



'Free to Go', the Travel Skills Development and Travel Training Service, provides travel training for people with learning disabilities. It is open to all non-independent travelers as well as to those who wish to learn a new route or simply improve their travel skills.

The aim of a travel programme is to enable people with a learning disability to develop a range of skills and build confidence to travel either supported or unsupported to college, work placements and in the wider community using appropriate methods of public transport confidently and safely.

What is travel training?

Travel training may involve walking and learning to cross the road safely or using buses and trains with support or unassisted. It enables people to travel around the Barnsley area or longer distances more freely and with confidence.

Developing the skills required to use public transport promotes a broader and more inclusive lifestyle.

The travel training and skills development programme has a Travel Coordinator and Travel Buddies, whose job it is to ensure that the training is safe and successful.



How does it work?

Travel training is the process by which a person learns to make a single trip between two places, supported or on their own and in safety.

Training of this kind has to be well planned and supported throughout, taking into account the many variables. The process starts by identifying the prospective traveller and making an assessment of their individual needs, abilities and past experiences.

Great care is taken at this stage, as with all stages, to communicate with all parties involved especially families and carers. This will ensure that everyone understands what is happening and is committed to the success of the travel training venture. The process then moves on to the planning stage.

