

Getting from A to B can be a daunting prospect for families with a child with a disability, but there are a range of support services available within the city which can help make life a little easier. There are also some national initiatives, with local providers, which help to support transport needs.

ATTENDING HOSPITAL AND OTHER HEALTH APPOINTMENTS

If you are attending hospital or the **Ryegate Centre** and have transport difficulties, you may be eligible for help. You can claim for travel expenses if you are receiving DLA, you must bring proof of your DLA (letter / book) and bus ticket / taxi receipt with you when attending appointments in order to claim.

HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT

If your child attends **school or nursery**, transport will be provided by the City Council's Education department, as long as it is written into your child's SEN statement. Pupils may be asked to make their way to a pick up point to meet the transport, home pick ups will be arranged where appropriate. For a copy of the 'Home to School transport' policy or for further information, contact:

Education Transport Section

Tel 0114 273 6195

BUS PASSES

All children aged **5-11** travel for the 40p fare without a bus pass.

All children aged **11-16** need a bus pass for ID purposes to enable them to travel for 40p, known as a MEGA TRAVEL PASS - **Tel 0114 273 5831**

Students at college or in further education aged **16-18** need a bus pass for ID purposes for them to travel for 40p - **Tel 0114 273 5479**

Travel to school comes under a different rule, some children get a zero fare pass depending on how far they live away from school - **Tel 0114 273 5831**

The Mobility Bus Pass

- The mobility bus pass is for any adult or child who has a disability **AND** fulfils the following criteria:
- Registered blind / partially sighted
- Deaf people
- People with a learning disability
- People with a permanent disability who have great difficulty walking
- People who have lost the use of both arms
- People banned from driving because of a health problem

As from April 2006 the mobility pass enables the holder to travel free of charge in South Yorkshire.

Tel: 0114 273 4897

THE BLUE BADGE SCHEME

Blue Badges are available to:

- Drivers or passengers with a permanent disability who have great difficulty in walking a certain distance
- Passengers who are registered blind
- Children under the age of 2 who, due to a specific medical condition, need to travel with bulky medical equipment or be close to a vehicle for emergency medical treatment

This allows people to park without charge or time limits in parking bays, on the street and in Council Car Parks.

The badge allows some parking on yellow lines.

There is a standard charge for a Blue Badge.

For further information or for an application form:

Tel: 0114 273 4897

EXEMPTION FROM ROAD TAX

If you have a car, and your child is receiving the higher rate mobility component of disability living Allowance you may be eligible for exemption from road tax.

For further details, please contact:
Driver, Vehicle and Licensing Agency
Vehicle Enquiry Unit Centre
Longview Road
Swansea
SA99 1BL

Tel: 01792 772 134

GETTING A CAR-MOTABILITY

Motability is a voluntary organisation designed to help people from the age of three with disabilities use their higher rate mobility component of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) to buy or hire a car.

There are 3 schemes:

- A three year Contract Hire Scheme to lease a new car.
- A five year Contract Hire Scheme to lease a Quadricycle.
- A two, three, four, or five year Hire Purchase Scheme to buy a new or used car.

Motability also offers a hire purchase scheme for powered wheelchairs and scooters.

For general enquiries contact:

Motability

City Gate House
22 Southark Bridge Road
SE1 9HB

Website: www.motability.co.uk

Tel: 0845 456 4566

SHEFFIELD COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

31 Montgomery Terrace Road
Sheffield
S6 3BU

Website: www.sheffieldct.co.uk

Email: enquiry@sheffieldct.co.uk

Sheffield Community Transport, funded by the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority, provides a range of services, which include:

- **City-Ride** – a door-to-door service for people who have problems using public transport. The service operates flexible service hours, and users may travel anywhere within the city of Sheffield. The service has wheelchair accessible minibuses, designed for individual passengers, with low steps and passenger lifts. All the vehicles can safely secure both manual and electric wheelchairs, and drivers can assist wheelchair passengers up and down a single kerb or step but, for safety reasons, not up or down a flight of steps. **Tel: 0114 276 5766**
- **Community Group Travel** – a fleet of minibuses, ranging from 9 to 16 seater (plus driver) most of which have easy access and passenger lifts for disabled people. They are available to groups and organisations in the community who need help with transport for their

members. The vehicles may be hired for short and long distance trips. Groups are encouraged to provide their own drivers, however there are a number of volunteer drivers who can help if groups have difficulties finding a driver.

Tel: 0114 276 6148

- **Community Cars** – the scheme works with volunteers who have their own cars. They help transport people from all over Sheffield who have mobility difficulties and who have problems using public transport. The service is suitable for a wide range of activities, including travel to lunch clubs, hospital visiting, shopping, leisure or simply visiting friends. A low mileage charge is made to cover costs. Most journeys that are undertaken on the Car Scheme are fairly local, but volunteers can undertake longer journeys if required e.g. holidays, visiting relatives etc. The car scheme can take children on journeys to nurseries, playschemes, and other activities. All children must be escorted by an adult at all times. For more information

Tel: 0114 285 9904

SHEFFIELD SHOPMOBILITY

Aims to make it easier for people to get around the city centre by providing free hire of wheelchairs and electric scooters for anyone with a mobility difficulty. A volunteer escort can be requested to help individuals through town and around the shops. Shopmobility is open Monday to Saturday between 9.15am—3.30pm.

Website: www.shopmobility-sheffield.org.uk

For more information:

Sheffield Shopmobility
Westhill Lane
Eldon Street
Sheffield
S1 4GX

Tel: 0114 281 2278

TRAVELLING BY RAIL

The **Disabled Persons Railcard** allows adults with a disability to buy discounted rail tickets. If another adult is travelling with you, they can also travel at the same discounted fare. The railcard currently costs £14 and is valid for 12 months.

To qualify, you must meet at least one of the criteria listed below.

You qualify if you:

- Are registered as visually impaired
- Are registered deaf
- Have epilepsy, and are disabled by repeated attacks
- Receive attendance allowance
- Receive DLA (in the higher rate for help with getting around, or in the higher or middle rate for help with personal care)
- Receive severe disablement allowance
- Are buying or leasing a vehicle through the 'Motability' scheme.

Children aged 5 -16 years may also be eligible for a Disabled Persons Railcard if they can meet at least one of the required criteria. Although they only need to pay the normal child's fare, an adult can travel with them at the discounted rate of one third off the adult fare.

It can be obtained from:

Disabled Persons Railcard Office
PO Box 163
Newcastle

NE12 1YT

Tel: 08457 48 49 50

Alternatively, application forms can be downloaded from the website:

www.disabledpersons-railcard.co.uk

Arranging Assistance for a Rail Journey

National Rail Enquiries

Tel: 08457 484 950

Website: www.nationalrail.co.uk

The booklet '**Rail Travel for Disabled People**' can be downloaded from the web site. It has details of all stations and the local Train company telephone number that you need to call to plan your journey. Can make special arrangements for disabled passengers. For example, Arrange for staff to meet traveller at departure station and assist them to board the train

TRAVELLING BY AIR

If you are planning a journey by air, it is important that you let the airline know exactly what your child's needs are, so that they can provide the adjustments needed. Not all services and facilities may be available straight away at every airport and on every plane. If you need a particular service or facility, always check that it is available before booking.

The Disabled Person's Transport Advisory Committee (DPTAC) has

published ' Access to air travel; Guidance for disabled and less mobile passengers'. This guide follows a step by step journey through planning your flight. It can be downloaded from their website or call **020 7944 8012**

Website: www.dptac.gov.uk

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