

# Driving and Mobility Centre

West of England

## Scooter, Passenger and Equipment Hoisting Assessments

The Driving and Mobility Centre based in Bristol offers individual assessments of user and carer's needs, with an opportunity to try a variety of equipment.

Your assessment will be conducted by a Driving Advisor or Occupational Therapist

Assessments are by appointment only and can take between 1 and 2 hours.

In some cases, the assessment may not be completed on the day and it may be necessary for a return visit to the Centre.

Our aim is to best match the equipment available with your particular needs and to provide information and advice which is comprehensive and unbiased.

## The Application Form

Please complete the application form as fully as you can as this will help us, and also help you get the most out of your visit. We ask for your name, address etc. and other information such as:

- Equipment you would like to be assessed for
- Nature of Disability or medical condition
- Current mobility
- Appointment preference

On the back page of the form we ask you to sign to show you understand and consent for us to:

- Contact your doctor (please note your doctor may charge you for providing the above information)
- Keep records

## The Venue

For those accompanying people to the Driving and Mobility Centre for an assessment, there is a waiting area. Tea and coffee is provided, and food is available to purchase in the Vassall Centre Cafe. Please let us know if you need assistance from the car park by phoning our office on 0117 965 9353.

The car park is on site and there are parking spaces for disabled drivers, the building is accessible throughout. Please note the Vassall Centre operates a No Smoking policy and therefore smoking will not be permitted in the building or on the surrounding grounds.

## What happens during the Assessment?

You will meet the Occupational Therapist or Driving Advisor who will discuss your particular requirements and ask you what you hope to achieve from the assessment. You will have the opportunity to discuss your circumstances and to try a variety of equipment with a view to helping you overcome any problems you may be experiencing. If your needs are more complex it may be necessary for you to come for a second visit with more specific equipment which we are able to access for trials through local suppliers and company reps. Any advice and information you need will be given.

**With certain types of assessments** your physical range of movements and strengths may be assessed and also an eye test may be conducted to ensure that your vision is adequate.

For Scooter assessments you may be asked to drive indoors or outdoors during the assessment. Please wear appropriate clothing.

## After the Assessment

Following your assessment, you will be given details of equipment you have tried, suppliers' details and useful guides. A written report will be produced to be used as necessary, e.g. for Insurance / Motability / Charities / Fundraising / or GP purposes. The report should be considered as a guide to the type of equipment that might be suitable for you.

If you require a copy of the report, there is a charge of £25.00. Cheques should be made payable to Driving and Mobility Centre, West of England.

Please do call us if you have any questions or wish to discuss further any of the information we have sent to you. Our telephone number is: 0117 965 9353