



Driving Mobility

Driving Mobility centres

Helping you with driving, accessibility
and independent living





Co-ordinating a network of **driving and mobility assessment centres** for people with restricted mobility



Driving Mobility

“ Everyone at the North Wales Driving Mobility Centre have been amazing – they have really empowered me! Driving has completely changed my life

Shari Elvins

Being able to access a car either as a driver or passenger is invaluable to many – especially if you have restricted mobility or a disability. However, driving safely and comfortably may be a challenge along with finding the most suitable accessible vehicle or adapted controls.

This is why the charity Driving Mobility was set up – to coordinate 24 independent driving and mobility assessment centres across the UK. Many with outreach facilities, these centres are supported by the Department for Transport* and include independent charities and NHS departments. They provide professional information and assessment so disabled, young and older people can gain or retain the ability to drive and maintain their personal independence.

Driving, mobility and advice services

How can we help you?

At each centre, you will find driving assessment services and a range of additional support to help with your independence. The driving services on offer include:

- An assessment of your ability to drive safely and comfortably
- Recommendations if you need your vehicle adapted in order to drive
- Assessment and advice if you need to drive from your wheelchair or need to travel in your wheelchair as a passenger
- Advice and guidance for drivers and passengers if you have restricted mobility and need specialist seating in your vehicle or need help getting into/out of your vehicle
- Assessment and advice on how to load and transport your wheelchair or mobility scooter in your vehicle
- Advice and assessment for motorcycle and heavy goods vehicle drivers
- Minibus and Wheelchair Accessible Minibus Driver Training (MIDAS)
- Minibus and Wheelchair Accessible Minibus Passenger Assistant Training (PATs)



How do I access these services?

Anyone with a mobility challenge who is seeking support with assisted driving or independent mobility can visit a Driving Mobility centre. You can self-refer by contacting the nearest centre or by following the recommendation of a clinician such as a GP or Occupational Therapist. Many of our service users are signposted from the DVLA, Motability and the Police. When you contact a centre your needs will be initially assessed and an appointment arranged.

How much does a driving assessment cost?

The cost of a driving assessment can vary. Your chosen centre can provide further details. The cost will depend on whether you are self-referring or have been signposted from another organisation or healthcare professional. Other services such as mobility scooter assessments or equipment loading advice tends to be lower in cost and some sessions are free.



Driving services

What will happen when I visit a centre?

All the professionals at each centre will provide a calm and reassuring atmosphere for you. Attending a driving assessment is not like taking a driving test! You will be supported by caring and understanding staff who will put you at ease during the process.

An in-car assessment will take place in one of the centre's adapted cars or wheelchair accessible vehicles (WAVs). You will be asked to drive on local private and public roads with an Approved Driving Instructor and a Clinician. They will assess all aspects of your driving including medical fitness, vision, awareness, reactions, decision-making and physical ability to operate controls. Assessments may vary in relation to individual client circumstances and the facilities at each centre – you may also be assessed on a static driving simulator and/or undertake tests carried out by a Clinician. At the end of an assessment you will receive verbal advice and a written report.

This information can then be used in a variety of ways. For example, if the DVLA requested that you have a driving assessment, then the details will be sent to them so your driving licence status can be confirmed. You may use the information to seek an appropriate accessible vehicle or adapted controls – centres can signpost you to trustworthy vehicle convertors. In some circumstances, more driver tuition is recommended with subsequent assessments to evaluate progress and ability.

The ultimate aim of assessment services at a Driving Mobility centre is to ensure you can enjoy driving safely and comfortably.

Who will help me at each centre?

Each centre is part of the Driving Mobility network, nevertheless every organisation operates independently with different services. This means that each team includes a variety of skilled professionals, however every centre employs Approved Driving Instructors (ADIs), Clinicians and Administrative staff. You may also have access to nurses, vehicle technicians and volunteers.

Who can we help?

Driving Mobility centres provide assessments, advice and support to a diverse range of people, of all ages, who have restricted mobility or a disability.

Commonly service users have:

- A medical condition that may impact their ability to drive safely
- A disability that may require special adaptations to a vehicle
- Concerns about their standard of driving due to old age
- Disabled children who need specialist car seating
- A need for a Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV)
- A wish to begin, or return to driving following an illness, injury or accident

Personal **mobility** services

How can I be helped if I do not use a car?

In addition to driving assessments and guidance, some centres can provide other services for wider independence including:

- Information and advice regarding all forms of accessible travel
- Wheelchair, powered wheelchair and mobility scooter assessments for adults and children
- Guidance regarding specialist car seats for disabled children
- Bugzi paediatric powerchair assessments and loans via the MERU charity
- Help and support for air travel with a disability – TryB4uFly service

ShopMobility UK

Part of Driving Mobility, ShopMobility UK co-ordinates a network of local centres which hire mobility scooters, powerchairs and wheelchairs for all ages.

www.shopmobilityuk.org



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Hubs Mobility Advice Service

If driving or use of a car is not possible due to restricted mobility or disability, the Hubs Mobility Advice Service offers free impartial advice on accessible travel options.

www.hubsmobilityadvice.com



Hubs Mobility Advice Service

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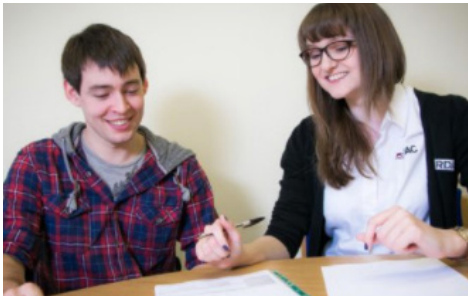
What services are there for car passengers?

Centres can provide passenger assessments which assist with several challenges including:

- Difficulties getting in and out of a car
- Travelling safely in a vehicle in your wheelchair
- Loading and stowage of equipment such as wheelchairs and mobility scooters

“ The Bugzi means my daughter Olive can move independently for the first time. I can't rate the assessment centre highly enough

Rhys Corkwood, Occupational Therapist



How do I find a centre?

There are 81 locations across the UK where you can access Driving Mobility services – either at a main centre or an outreach facility.

The easiest way to find your nearest Driving Mobility centre is to enter your postcode at:

drivingmobility.org.uk/find-a-centre

or contact Driving Mobility:

0800 559 3636

info@drivingmobility.org.uk

drivingmobility.org.uk



**Driving and
Mobility Centre**

West of England



QEF
queen elizabeth's
foundation for
disabled people



**Drive Ability
North West**





Driving Mobility



Our assessment centres

Belfast

Northern Ireland Mobility Centre (NIMC)

Disability Action, Portside Business Park, 189 Airport Road West, Belfast BT3 9ED

☎ 02890 297877

✉ mobilitycentre@disabilityaction.org

🗎 disabilityaction.org/Pages/Category/driving

Local outreach centres at: Ballymena, Carrickfergus, Coleraine, Downpatrick, Dungannon, Enniskillen, Londonderry, Newry, Omagh

Solihull

Regional Driving Assessment Centre (RDAC)

Solihull address - Patrick Farm Barns, Meriden Road, Hampton in Arden, Solihull, B92 0LT

☎ 0300 300 2240

✉ info@rdac.co.uk

🗎 rdac.co.uk/services

Local outreach centres at: Aylesbury, Cannock, Leicester, Northampton, Shrewsbury, Wolverhampton, Worcester

Bodelwyddan

North Wales Mobility and Driving Assessment Service (for North and Mid Wales)

Disability Resources Centre, Glan Clwyd Hospital, Bodelwyddan, Denbighshire, LL18 5UJ

☎ 01745 584858

✉ mobilityinfo@btconnect.com

🗎 wmdas.co.uk

Local outreach centres at: Newtown

Bristol

Driving and Mobility Centre (West of England) CIC

The Vassall Centre, Gill Avenue, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 2QQ (BS16 2NB for Sat Nav)

☎ 01179 659353

✉ mobserv@drivingandmobility.org

🗎 drivingandmobility.org

Local outreach centres at: Yeovil

Cardiff

South Wales Mobility and Driving Assessment Service (for South and West Wales)

Rookwood Hospital, Fairwater Road, Llandaff, Cardiff, CF5 2YN

☎ 02920 555130

✉ info@wddac.co.uk

🗎 wmdas.co.uk

Local outreach centre at: Pembroke Dock



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Carshalton

QEF Mobility Services

1 Metcalfe Avenue, Carshalton,
Surrey, SM5 4AW

☎ **02087 701151**

✉ mobility@qef.org.uk

🌐 qef.org.uk/our-services/qef-mobility-services

Local outreach centres at: Leatherhead,
Southampton, Twickenham, Worthing

Chester

Chester DriveAbility

The ProHealth Building, 5 Greenfield
Lane, Hoole Chester, CH2 2PA
(CH2 2PA for Sat Nav)

☎ **01745 584858**

✉ mobilityinfo@btconnect.com

🌐 wmdas.co.uk

Local outreach centre at: Wirral

Colchester

East Anglian Driveability

Unit 7 Wakes Hall Business Centre,
Wakes Colne, Colchester, CO6 2DY

☎ **01787 222873**

✉ mail@eastangliandriveability.org.uk

🌐 eastangliandriveability.org.uk

Local outreach centres at: Campsea Ashe,
Chelmsford

Derby

Derby DrivAbility

Kingsway, Derby, DE22 3LZ

☎ **01332 788300**

✉ dhft.driving@nhs.net

🌐 uhdb.nhs.uk/service-drivability

Local outreach centres at: Newark, Stoke

Exeter

Managed by Cornwall Mobility

Devon Assessment Centre, Unit 13, Dakota
Way, Skypark, Clyst Honiton, Exeter, EX5 2GE

☎ **01872 672318**

✉ info@cornwallmobility.co.uk

🌐 cornwallmobility.co.uk/how-wehelp/our-assessment-services

No local outreach centres

Glasgow

DriveAbility Scotland

75 Hawthorn Street, Glasgow, G22 6HY

☎ **0141 648 8470**

✉ info@driveabilityscotland.org.uk

🌐 drivingmobility.org.uk/information-centres/view/driveability-scotland

Local outreach centre at: Aberdeen

Jersey

DriveAbility Jersey

☎ 07797 830030

✉ driveabilityjersey@gmail.com

🗎 driveability.org.je

Leeds

William Merritt Disabled Living Centre

Aire House, 100 Town Road, Rodley,
Leeds, LS13 1HP

☎ 01133 508989

✉ info@wmdlc.org

🗎 wmdlc.org

Maidstone

South East DriveAbility

First Floor, Aylesford Logistics Centre,
Bellingham Way, Aylesford, Kent,
ME20 6XS

☎ 03000 134886

✉ kcht.sedriveability@nhs.net

🗎 kentcht.nhs.uk/service/southeast-
driveability

Local outreach centres at: Canterbury,
Dartford Outreach Centre, Stone Cross,
Uckfield

Manchester

Regional Driving Assessment Centre (RDAC)

Salford Community Stadium,
1 Stadium Way, Barton-upon-Irwell,
Salford, Greater Manchester, M30 7EY

☎ 0300 300 2240

✉ info@rdac.co.uk

🗎 rdac.co.uk/services

Local outreach centres at: Accrington,
Ashton-under-Lyne, Scunthorpe, Hull

Newcastle

North East Drive Mobility

Walkergate Park Hospital, Benfield Road,
Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 4QD

☎ 0191 2875090

✉ Northeast.drivemobility@cntw.nhs.uk

🗎 cntw.nhs.uk/mobility

Local outreach centre at: Carlisle, Tees Valley

Oxford

Managed by Regional Driving Assessment Centre (RDAC)

Unit A, Anvil Court, Stanton Harcourt Road,
Eynsham, Oxford, OX29 4UD

☎ 0300 300 2240

✉ info@rdac.co.uk

🗎 rdac.co.uk/services

Plymouth

Managed by Cornwall Mobility

6 Riverford House, Estover Close,
Plymouth, PL6 7PL

☎ 01872 672318

✉ info@cornwallmobility.co.uk

🗎 cornwallmobility.co.uk/how-
wehelp/our-assessment-services

Sheffield

William Merritt Centre Sheffield

SOAR Works Enterprise Centre,
14 Knutton Road, Parsons Cross,
Sheffield, S5 9NU

☎ 01143 039030

✉ info@wmdlc.org

🗎 wmdlc.org

No local outreach centres

Our assessment centres



Driving Mobility

St Helens

Drive Ability North West

193 Newton Road, St Helens, WA9 2JR

☎ 01942 483713

✉ bchft.driveability@nhs.net

🗉 bridgewater.nhs.uk/drive

Local outreach centres at: Blackpool, North Liverpool, South Liverpool, Preston

Thetford

East Anglian DriveAbility

2 Napier Place, Thetford, Norfolk, IP24 3RL

☎ 01842 753029

✉ mail@eastangliandriveability.org.uk

🗉 eastangliandriveability.org.uk

Local outreach centres at: Bourne (Lincolnshire), Bungay, Colchester, Kings Lynn, Norwich, Peterborough

Truro

Cornwall Mobility

North Buildings, Royal Cornwall Hospital, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 3LQ

☎ 01872 672318

✉ info@cornwallmobility.co.uk

🗉 cornwallmobility.co.uk/how-we-help/our-assessment-services

Local outreach centres at: Launceston

Welwyn Garden City

Herts Ability

Suite 4, Wentworth Lodge, Great North Road, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, AL8 7SR

☎ 01707 384 263

✉ driving@hertsability.org.uk

🗉 hertsability.org.uk

Local outreach centres at: East London, Harlow, Luton, South Oxhey

York

Managed by William Merritt Disabled Living Centre

Westminster Business Centre, Great North Way, Nether Poppleton, York, YO26 6RB

☎ 01133 508989

✉ info@wmdlc.org

🗉 wmdlc.org



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Introductory video

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drivingmobility.org.uk

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Moresk Road
Truro. TR1 1DG

What is the role of Driving Mobility as a charity?

Driving Mobility is the umbrella charity which oversees all the independent Mobility Centres. It ensures there are common standards, promotes good practice, offers training and education and works closely with other organisations such as the Department for Transport, the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency and Motability.

Our respected CEO works closely with several highly experienced board members and trustees who collectively bring together an unequalled wealth of knowledge regarding assisted driving, accessible travel and mobility issues.



Find your local centre at:
drivingmobility.org.uk/find-a-centre



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