

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PROVISION OF TRANSPORT

Caerphilly County Borough Council is committed to promoting independence for individuals to enable them to access their community facilities. This will be fully considered within the person's assessment under section 47 NHSCCA 1990.

Caerphilly County Borough Council has a duty to provide transport to service users assessed as having eligible needs by virtue of S.29 National Assistance Act 1948 (NAA 1948) and S.2 of the Chronically Sick and Disabled persons Act 1970 (CSDPA 1970). If a service user is unable to access services due to mobility issues then that person could be entitled to transport provided or arranged by the Authority. However, the provision or arrangement of transport will be in cases when there is no other alternative means of promoting the person's independence (considered below) and failure to provide transport would prevent access to eligible services.

As part of their assessment (S.47 NHSCCA 1990) all options to promote a persons independence will be fully explored. This will include their mobility and will consider their ability to access suitable transport, including local and public transport networks.

Where appropriate, Caerphilly County Borough Council will consider whether the service user requires assistance in the following key areas:-

- Advice or training on the use of public transport
- Promotion of increased mobility through the provision of physiotherapy
- The provision of volunteer drivers (in the absence of family or friends)
- Maximising their benefits, including mobility allowance

Caerphilly County Borough Council would only provide transport in exceptional circumstances in certain situations, for example: -

- Availability of a vehicle through the mobility scheme for an individuals use
- Where the service user chooses to attend a service outside of their locality when a suitable service is available more locally