

Access Lewisham Referral Criteria 2015

The Access Lewisham Driving Scheme is available to Lewisham residents only, who are referred to the scheme by a Professional e.g. GP, District Nurse, Home Care, Hospital Department e.g. Palliative Care Team / MacMillan, Hospice, Lewisham Social Services or via other Voluntary/statutory organisations such as SocialEyes, Stroke Association, Elderly Care, MOSEY.

All referrers must complete and return the Access Lewisham referral form.

The service can be provided on either a short or long term basis to people who have great difficulty using public transport for either/both physical or psychological reasons. In some instances the Scheme is also available to individuals who are caring for a dependant where the journey is time limited due to the carers' responsibilities but this is reliant on voluntary drivers' availability.

All service users must be capable of getting in to a car with the minimum of assistance.

Examples of Acceptable Journeys

Regular/one off journeys includes:

- Hospital appointments
- Long/short term clinic treatment
- Day Centres/Social Clubs
- Weekly shopping
- Visiting relatives or friends
- Surgery appointments
- Holiday/Respite destinations

Although acceptance of a referral does not always guarantee a journey, every effort is made to do so. Referrers are kept informed of the ongoing situation.

Examples of Unacceptable Journeys

Where an Ambulance or Social Services transport should and can be provided.

The Driving Scheme will not cover journeys where the client would be more comfortable and better served with a fully trained ambulance crew.