

What is this plan about?



Kingston Council wants to help people travel on their own, if they would like to and are able to.

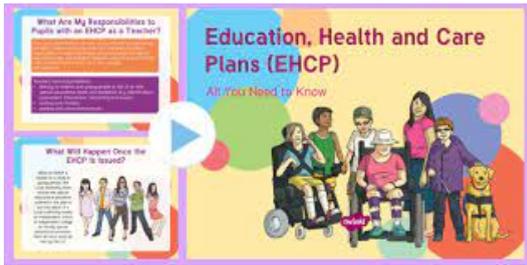
This is so that people have a choice and a say about how they live their life.



In this plan, we tell you how we will help you travel on your own and how we work out the support that you need to do this.



This plan is for people over 18 and their carers, who get care and support from Adult Social care or have a Direct payment.



This plan is **not** for young people who are 18 to 25 years old, at college full time and have an Education and Health Care Plan.

There is another plan for them. Young people can get support with travel by calling Achieving for Children SEND Transport on telephone: 020 8547 4708.

The Care Act 2014



Kingston Council uses the Care Act to see if you can get help and support from Kingston Council.

We will use the Care Act to see if you can get help with travel too.

How we will use this plan



If you are not able to get help with travel from Kingston Council, we will give you details on Dial-a-ride and Blue badge.



You will get help with travel only if you are not able to travel on your own already.

You will also only get help with travel if you don't have a carer/ parent who can help you with travel.



You can have your carer or family member there when we talk to you about the help you can get from Kingston Council if you want.



Your carer can also get support - this is called a Carer's assessment*.

*An assessment is a chance for your carer to talk to someone about the things they find hard, the things they do well and any support they need.



People who can get help with travel, will be able to get travel training to learn to travel on their own.

This is only if it is safe for them to do so.



Some people who get support from Kingston Council may not get help with travel. We will look at your needs to see if you can get help with travel.



If someone gets help with travel from Kingston Council, this will be part of someone's personal budget or Direct payment.



The law says that Kingston Council has to leave out the mobility part of your Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP) when it looks at your money.



Kingston Council will look at how it can support you if the money from your DLA or PIP is not enough to cover your travel costs.



For people getting help with travel as part of their care plan, Kingston Council can look at the cost of transport as part of the money you spend due to your disability.



This is called Disability Related Expenditure (DRE).

There are details about this on Kingston Council's website [here](#). It is in easy read.



If you drive a motability* vehicle or someone else drives it for you, we would ask you to use this car for your travel needs.

If you can not do this, we will talk to you about this.

*A motability vehicle is the car you can rent by using your mobility money.

How we will look at who can get help with travel



Kingston Council will look at someone's need for travel support. We will do this in 4 steps.



We will look at:

1. If there is public transport near you or you can get travel support.



2. How easy it is for you to move/ walk.

We will also look at things that may help you to move around, like exercise classes.



3. If you are able to travel on your own.

We will also ask you about things that you may find hard to do because of your disability. We will look at this when we talk together about travel training.



4. We will look together at what is best for you to help you with travel.



If you get help with travel from Kingston Council, we will look at your own needs.

This is because we know that people are not the same.

How we will assess* how you need to pay for this *look at



If you can get help with travel under the Care Act 2014 and there is no other way for you to travel, we will add this support in your care plan and your budget.

You will have a financial assessment* and you may need to pay towards your support.

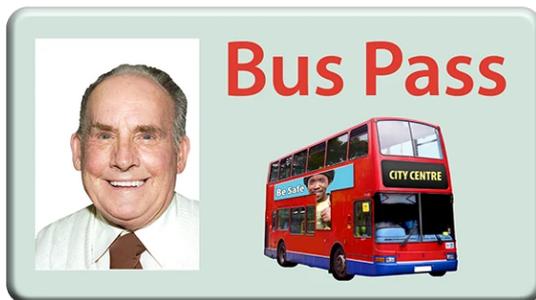
*A financial assessment is when the Council works out how much you have to pay for your care and support.

Review



If you get support with travel, we will review this at the same time as the review of your other support needs.

At your review, it may be that your support with travel stays the same, stops or you get more support.



If you do not get support with travel anymore after your review, we will make sure you are not finding it hard (with your money) because of this plan.

We will give you details about the things that can help you use buses and taxis so they are cheaper.



We will make sure there is some time before the changes start.

We will also support you to add the cost of your travel to your Disability Related Expenditure (DRE)*.

*This is the money you spend due to your disability.



If you think that we are doing something that is not right, you can ask someone else to look at this. This is called an appeal.

There is information on Kingston Council website under 'Paying for my support'.

Travel training



If you get help with travel, we will also talk to you about travel training. This is only if it is safe for you.

If you would like to get travel training to be able to travel on your own, we will ask someone to train you to do this. This will be a travel trainer.



The travel trainer will make a training plan with you and your carer.



The aim of the travel training is to help people to travel on their own and feel happy and safe when they travel.

People may need to still have someone with them when they take the bus.

Types of travel support



If you get help with travel from Kingston Council, we will talk to you about the best way to support you.

This could be with things like a freedom pass, blue badge dial-a-ride or taxi card.



If you get help with travel and it is in your care plan, you may get a direct payment to pay for this.

This is only if it costs less for you to sort out your own travel.

Making changes to the plan



We will look at this plan again in a year to make sure it works well for people who are using it and their carers.

We will ask you and your carer what you think about this plan.