

## **PATHFINDER PARTNERSHIP POST 16 TRANSPORT POLICY STOCKTON ON TEES - 2011**

**The Pathfinder Partnership for Stockton on Tees consists of representatives from Stockton on Tees Borough Council, the Local Authority (LA), Community Transport Team, the Transportation Service and 16-19 Manager, Conyers and Egglescliffe School 6<sup>th</sup> forms, Stockton 6<sup>th</sup> form College, Stockton Riverside FE College (Stockton and Bede sites) and the Connexions Service.**

The purpose of the Partnership is:

to agree and publish a policy on an annual basis to ensure that young people living in the Stockton on Tees Borough are aware of what transport support is available when they are enrolling at FE or 6<sup>th</sup> form colleges and schools;

individual partners co-operate and participate in the work of the partnership whilst recognising the autonomy of those partners.

to jointly collect information and develop strategies to ensure that opportunities for access to Post 16 education is available to learners in accordance with the Education Act 2002.

through the allocated funding, identify and set up necessary provision to improve access and remove barriers to participation in Post 16 education, taking into account sustainability.

to give particular consideration within the above to the needs of Post 16 students with disabilities and/or learning difficulties up to the age of 24.

to liaise and co-ordinate where appropriate with other partnerships including the Tees Valley Sub Regional Group.

to consult with partners, parents and young people for their views on travel to college on an annual basis.

### **CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**

Stockton is in advanced negotiations on extending the Pathfinder half fare travel scheme until 31 August 2013. Details of participating operators and services will be finalised and published before the commencement of the 2011/12 academic year in September.

**The cost of the half fare pass will be £8 from September 2011/12.**

### **APPLICATIONS FOR HALF FARE PASSES**

The details of how to obtain the pass will be published when the final scheme is agreed and will be available by the summer before the new college year commences in September. It is likely that it will be a similar process to previous years.

**Help for students resident in the Borough who are applying for a course beyond the LA area** can be obtained through the half fare pass scheme which includes Middlesbrough, Hartlepool, Redcar and Cleveland and limited travel to Darlington.

Those students who have had a statement of special need at secondary school and it has been agreed at their review that they attend a college outside of the area will be provided with transport assistance by the LA.

Students attending specialist colleges outside of the area, where there is no provision in the Tees Valley area, will need to discuss this with the appropriate college to apply through their hardship funds. The LA are unable to assist with this.

**Conyers and Egglecliffe 6<sup>th</sup> form** students can apply for a concessionary seat on Home to School Transport provided by the LA, if there are spaces at a cost of £90.00\* per term.

The LA provide a mini-bus service from Whitton, Carlton, Redmarshall, Elton and Long Newton to Egglecliffe 6<sup>th</sup> form – students who use this service will be charged at the concessionary rate of £90.00\* per term and will need to contact the Community transport team to arrange this – tel: 01642 527117.

\*this amount may change

**Stockton 6<sup>th</sup> Form FE College, Stockton Riverside FE College (Stockton and Billingham sites)**

Individual colleges provide some subsidised transport. Further information will be available prior to enrolment. Check individual colleges for further information.

**Students living in rural areas where no public transport is available**

The LA already run a number of bus mini bus routes to colleges from villages within the Stockton on Tees area eg Wynyard, Carlton, Long Newton, Redmarshall, Whitton, Elton. Individual students who would like to access these services should contact the Community Transport Team on 527117.

**Students reaching the age of 19 years and continuing on a course** can continue to use the half fare bus pass until the end of the academic year they reach 19 years.

**PROVISION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES AND/OR LEARNING DIFFICULTIES OR THOSE WHO MAY FACE OTHER DIFFICULTIES IN FOLLOWING THEIR COURSES.**

**The LA** will provide transport assistance for students from 16 - 19 years who have previously had a statement of special educational need and a further education college course has been identified to be undertaken at the nearest appropriate college. If a student prefers to undertake the same course at a college further away, then this would be their preference and as such would not receive any assistance with individual transport.

**The LA** in partnership with 6<sup>th</sup> forms and FE colleges, will also consider individual applications from students **aged 16-19 years old** who have an identified learning or physical disability that prevents them from using public transport. Independent information would be needed to support these applications. An assessment of need will be completed to determine the appropriate support.

**The LA** will consider individual circumstances for those students with learning and physical difficulties who apply for transport **over the age of 19 years**. It would be likely that in most cases, they will be referred to Health and Social Care for an assessment. If assistance is agreed, a contribution towards the transport would be requested.

**Stockton 6<sup>th</sup> form, Stockton Riverside College (Stockton and Billingham sites)** will consider individual applications in line with the policies for Learner Support Funds. A range of support in terms of both personal assistance and provision of appropriate equipment etc. would be available.

**The LA's** half fare permit scheme would apply to these students who are between the ages of 16 and 19 years.

**Mobility and Independence Training** is provided as part of the curriculum in Stockton Riverside College.

The Community Transport Team (CTT) Independent Travel Training (ITT) scheme will support learners to access mainstream transport provision through a programme of individual or group training. Contact the team for more details on 01642 527117.

In partnership with the CTT, Road Safety Team and Abbey Hill Special School additional mobility and independence training will be offered as part of an enhanced curriculum development for their students.

## **CONTACTS FOR TRANSPORT PROVIDERS IN THE STOCKTON ON TEES AREA**

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