

Disabled Person's Car Parking Badges (Blue Badges) & Travel Permits (Bus, Train, Tram)

Sheffield
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GUIDANCE FOR SHEFFIELD GPs

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Following meetings with Sheffield City Council (SCC) earlier this year, the following clarification has been received:

1. SCC carries out telephone conversations with applicants and, if necessary, requests attendance at face to face interviews.
2. Searches are made of all Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) benefits to check if applicants are on any eligible benefits. In addition, SCC has access to information showing whether or not an applicant is in receipt of any care or adaptations and, therefore, they do not involve GPs in this initial process.
3. Where the above actions do not confirm eligibility, further information is sought from sources such as hospital consultants, epilepsy nurses etc. Only if there are no other known health professionals will SCC write to the applicant's GP.
4. When writing to GPs with requests for information a signed consent form from the applicant will be attached.
5. Where an applicant chooses to appeal a decision made by SCC, it may then be necessary to obtain additional information, which may involve contacting the GP.
6. Any patients taking it upon themselves to request supporting letters / reports from their GP should be directed to Customer Services at SCC via (0114) 2734567.
7. Further information on the Blue Badge application process and criteria is available [here](#).
8. Further information on the Travel Permits application process and criteria is available [here](#).

Having spent some considerable time negotiating a satisfactory solution to avoid bureaucratic medical forms, **it would be helpful if GPs could try to accommodate these infrequent requests without charge.**