

If you have any questions or queries, please contact us on:

Telephone: 01942 483713

Monday to Friday: 8.00am to 5pm

An answering machine is available outside these times and at the weekends.

Email: mobility.centre@bridgewater.nhs.uk

Visit our website at:

<http://www.bridgewater.nhs.uk/northwestwide/northwestdrivingassessmentservice/>

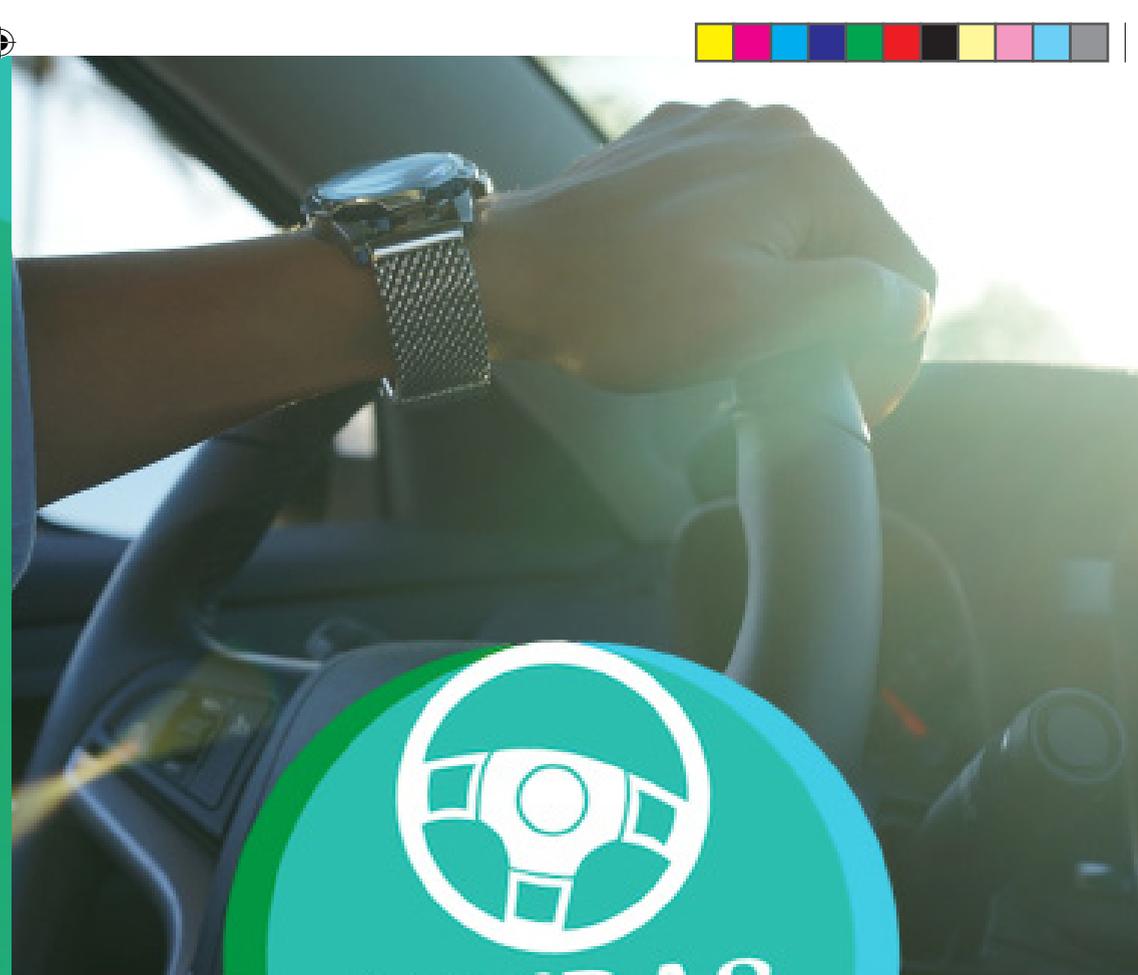
or tweet us:

@nwdrivingassess

Local Community Pharmacy – Your local community pharmacies offer a wide range of services including information and general advice on symptom relief medicines as well as a prescription collection and delivery service.

For impartial and confidential advice or information on the services provided by Bridgewater or to receive this leaflet in an alternative format call our Patient Services team on 0800 587 0562

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What is the Driving Assessment Service?

The Driving Assessment Service offers clients information on aspects of driving and vehicle access following illness or disability.

The service assesses driving ability and adaptations to enable safe driving for both experienced and new drivers.

Advice can also be given on wheelchair loading, vehicle seating and getting in and out of a car.

Who can refer to the service?

The service accepts self referrals but also receives referrals direct from the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) and Motability.

Any client wishing to undertake a driving assessment must have a valid driving licence. This can be either full or provisional entitlement.

Application forms and further information on the assessment process are available from the service – please see the back page for our contact details.

What is the cost and do I need an appointment?

The cost of the assessment is £50 unless the referral is made by the DVLA or Motability or an NHS Professional.

All assessments are by appointment only following receipt of a completed application form or DVLA referral.

What does the driving assessment involve?

A physical and visual assessment will be carried out during your appointment as well as a discussion about any specialist controls required for driving.

Depending upon the type of driving ability assessment required, clients may try driving with adaptations in a quiet area or on a set route on the public highway.

How long does the assessment last?

Clients undertake the assessment in the service's vehicles, which are also fitted with an instructor's brake.

An assessment usually takes about two-three hours but it may be longer or shorter, depending upon the particular needs of the driver.

Sometimes clients may be asked to return to the centre if it has not been possible to complete an assessment after one appointment.

What happens after the assessment?

For self referrals, feedback will be given to the client on the day with a detailed report outlining the outcome of the assessment. This will include what to do next, how to proceed and any contacts for driving instructors and adaptation specialists as appropriate.

For clients referred by agencies such as the DVLA, the driver assessment report will be sent directly to the referrer.

