

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

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Monday to Friday: 8.00am to 5pm

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

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Visit our website at:

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

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Mobility Scooter Assessments

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What does a Mobility Scooter Assessment involve?

Mobility scooters are motorised 3, 4 or 5 wheeled mobility aids which weigh less than 150 Kilograms and can have a top speed of 8 miles per hour / 12 Kilometers per hour.

Legally you are not required to undertake an assessment before buying a scooter. However, you should speak to your doctor or a therapist before buying one.

It is important that you have reasonable eyesight, can judge speed and distance and can react quickly.

The Driving Assessment Service offers clients an independent assessment with an Occupational Therapist, as well as training and advice on the use of mobility scooters.

Who can refer to the service?

The service accepts self referrals and referrals from medical professionals.

What is the cost and do I need an appointment?

There is no charge for a mobility scooter assessment.

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

Please contact us if you would like to arrange an appointment using the contact details overleaf.

What does the mobility scooter assessment involve?

A physical and visual assessment will be carried out during your appointment.

Following an initial interview, you will be given the opportunity to try driving a mobility scooter off road. If it is appropriate you may also be given the option to try the scooter on public roads and pathways.

Training and advice on the operation and specification of the scooter will be provided.

How long does the assessment last?

An assessment usually takes around two hours but it may be longer or shorter, depending upon the particular needs of the individual.

Feedback will be given to the client on the day with a report outlining the outcome of the assessment and any recommendations to follow.

