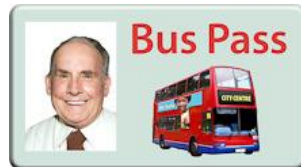


## Fact Sheet 3: Mobility Related Support

This sheet provides information on the mobility related support available and how this is taken into account during an assessment.



### Personal Independence Payments

Personal Independence Payment (PIP) is a new benefit to help with some of the extra costs caused by long-term ill-health or a disability if you are aged 16 to 64 years.

If you qualify for help, you could get financial support to help with the extra costs caused by your condition. There is a Mobility component which is paid in two categories (Standard £21/week and Enhanced £55/week). The level of support you receive will depend on how your condition affects you. ([www.gov.uk/pip](http://www.gov.uk/pip) 2013)

**Disability Living Allowance** - For adults between 16 and 64 years Personal Independence Payments are replacing the Disability Living Allowance.

For more information about Disability Living Allowance and Personal Independence Payments please see the links below:



<https://www.gov.uk/pip>

<https://www.gov.uk/dla-disability-living-allowance-benefit>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/simplifying-the-welfare-system-and-making-sure-work-pays/supporting-pages/introducing-personal-independence-payment>

<http://www.carersuk.org/help-and-advice/help-with-money/benefits-a-tax-credits/dla-and-aa>

### Motability

The Motability Scheme offers support with leasing or buying a vehicle, powered wheel chair or scooter. You will need to be getting the higher rate or enhanced mobility component of Personal Independence Payments or Disability Living Allowance or the War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) 2013). For more information see the links below:

<https://www.gov.uk/financial-help-disabled/vehicles-and-transport>

<http://www.motability.co.uk/>

## Free Bus Travel

The national bus pass is part of the Government's concessionary fares scheme which is funded by the City Council.

Passes are available to senior citizens and to people with certain disabilities. If you are eligible for a pass you can travel in Stoke-on-Trent and throughout the whole of England with your pass for free at the following times:

**Monday to Friday: 9.30am to 11.00pm.**  
**Weekends and bank holidays: anytime of the day.**

## Companionship passes

Anyone who has a disability which means they cannot travel alone can ask for a companion symbol to be added to their pass if they meet the criteria. The person's companion will then be able to travel with them for free in the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire area.

There is a charge of £15 for the symbol to be added.

**Please check the link for more information and the eligibility criteria please follow the link below.**

[www.stoke.gov.uk/disabledbuspass](http://www.stoke.gov.uk/disabledbuspass)

For more information you can contact our safe and sustainable transport team

In writing:

Stoke-on-Trent City Council,  
City Renewal,  
Safe and Sustainable Transport Team,  
Civic Centre,  
Glebe Street,  
Stoke-on-Trent,  
ST4 1HH

By telephone **01782 234234** or email [transportation@stoke.gov.uk](mailto:transportation@stoke.gov.uk)

## How is Mobility Related Support taken into account during the assessment for transport?

When assessing your need for transport we are looking to see how your transport needs can be met. One way may be to use disability related support such as benefits or a mobility car to access services.

If you are eligible for mobility related support, part of the assessment is to determine whether it is reasonable for this support to be used to meet your transport needs. Depending on the circumstances, in some cases you may still be eligible for a Transport Service from Adult Social Care.

Receipt of mobility related support does NOT mean that a person is not eligible for a transport service, and it must be looked at on an individual case by case basis.

Mobility related benefits are not taken into consideration in Fairer Charging Assessments.