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C Forster
Solicitor to the Council

Dear Mr Eriksohn

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Further to your recent request for information, I am writing to advise you that Wansbeck District Council does hold the information you are requesting and I have been instructed to attach a copy of the Council's Concessionary Travel Scheme in response to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine Patterson".

Christine Patterson
Scrutiny Development Manager

Encl: Concessionary Travel Scheme



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CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL SCHEME 2003 / 2006

ISSUE OF BUS AND TAXI PASSES - Passes will be issued at the following centres on the dates listed below. **Passes will be issued free of charge and issued for a period of three years.**

If you are unable to use a bus on the grounds of physical incapacity you may opt for a taxi pass and must sign a declaration waiving your right to a bus pass.

Those eligible **OVER** 60, who have **NOT** previously held a pass, must provide proof of age, by producing their pension book, birth certificate or pink card. If you already hold a pass, please bring it with you.

The following will also be eligible and will need confirmation of registration for:

Being in receipt of high rate mobility disability living allowance or War pensioners mobility supplement.

Those who qualify on the following grounds:

Blind and partially sighted
Suffer from learning difficulties

The above categories must be registered with the Northumberland County Council Social Services department and a copy of a letter from the Northumberland County Council must be presented as proof for those who do not already hold a pass in these categories.

The following will also be eligible for a pass and will need confirmation from a medical advisor. **(Persons, who already have a pass under the following categories, will not need another letter / application form filled in by their Doctor).**

That the ability to walk up to 100 metres is permanently and substantially impaired.

Has long term loss of the use of both arms.

Profound or severely deaf.

Without speech.

That the driving licence would be refused on medical grounds (other than drink or drugs related).

The provision of this service is not covered by your Doctors NHS contract and a fee may be charged by your Doctors but this is beyond the control of this authority, and we are unable to refund this fee, but again the Council point out that this requirement is for the first year only.