

## Other services

Impartial information, advice and assessment from qualified Therapists can be provided in a wide variety of areas eg:

- Passenger/Driver Car Access Assessments
- Electric Scooters/Powered Wheelchairs/Manual Wheel chairs
- Bathing Equipment/Stairlifts/ Kitchen Equipment/Other Daily Living Activities
- Specialist Children's Service

We have displays of equipment for daily living and we provide training courses.

Please contact us for further information or to make an appointment.



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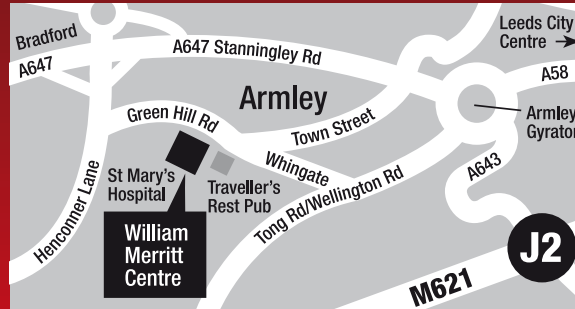
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## How to find us



**0113 305 5288**  
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You can contact us from  
Monday to Friday between:  
**8.30am and 4.30pm**

You can visit the Centre by ringing  
to make an appointment.  
**We look forward to seeing you!**

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Self Referral

# Driving Assessment



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## Driving Assessment

The Mobility Service provides impartial and independent advice for disabled people of all ages who wish to learn to drive/continue to drive/return to driving, after illness, injury or a period of abstinence.

For example, you can have an assessment because:

- You require advice on the appropriate adaptations to enable you to drive
- You have had an injury or illness which has affected your driving ability
- You have a continuing medical condition which is changing your driving ability

**Cost - The current fee for a self-referral is £75**

## Obtaining an appointment

1. Contact the Centre for an application form
2. Return the completed form to us together with your cheque
3. You will then be offered an appointment date



## What is involved in the Driving Assessment?

You will be seen by a Therapist and a Driving Standards Agency Approved Driving Instructor who has experience of teaching 'disabled people'. The Therapist is with you throughout the assessment and is joined by the driving instructor for the drive itself and the final discussion.

**The assessment involves:**

**1. A Short Introductory Interview**  
to learn more about you and the reason for the assessment.

**2. A Physical Assessment**  
For the purpose of identifying:  
a) Any problems you have with managing car controls.  
b) Whether any adaptations are needed.

**3. A Cognitive Assessment**  
Tabletop tasks including use of colours, shapes and listening may be undertaken if you have any injury or illness that could affect your judgement, recognition or perception. The Therapist will discuss with you whether there is a need for this type of assessment.

**4. The Drive**  
This lasts for approximately 1 hour in total. You will be driving one of

the Centre's vehicles. It includes 10-20 minutes familiarisation drive to get used to the car and then a longer period on public roads involving a variety of traffic situations.

N.B In order to drive on public roads you will need to have a valid driving licence and be able to read a number plate from a distance of 20.5 metres.

## 5. The Final Discussion

This is an opportunity for you to talk over the drive with the Therapist and the Driving Instructor and to consider their recommendations.

You may be asked to cease driving if the Assessors have safety concerns.

**You should expect the whole assessment to take approximately 2.5 hours to complete**

Please remember to bring with you:

- Driving Licence
- Glasses for Driving
- Glasses for Reading
- Any relevant documentation

A full report will be prepared within 2 weeks and forwarded to you by post. Additional copies will be provided for you to give to the DVLA, conversion specialists and other agencies, as required.