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# Travel Training Policy

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## 1. Aim of the Policy

- a. The aim of this policy is to:
  - i. ensure that the travel training service remains a short-term intervention which is in line with funding received for learners.
  - ii. ensure the travel training service is effective and its resources are available to everyone that will benefit from it
  - iii. clarify the access criteria for the travel training service
  - iv. clarify expectations about what travel training is
  - v. clarify timeframes
  - vi. clarify responsibilities
  - vii. clarify cancellation of sessions

## 2. Aim of the Travel Training Service

- a. The Travel Training Service is aimed at students with additional support needs who wish to develop the skills and confidence to travel safely, confidently and eventually independently.
- b. It is the objective of the Travel Training Service to support students to move towards becoming safe and independent travellers.
- c. From our experience, people who complete travel training feel more confident, happy and more willing to try new things, go to new places and meet new people.
- d. Travel Training helps people to connect with others in their community, access education, employment, services, sport and leisure activities, or visit family and friends.
- e. By staying physically, socially and professionally active people are improving their quality of life, self-esteem, promoting their physical, mental and social health and raising expectations about what they can achieve.
- f. By learning new skills and developing the confidence to travel independently people are opening doors to their own personal and social development, their professional growth and self-achievement, fulfilling their lives with the choices they make and tackling isolation through social inclusion and community participation.
- g. It can make the difference between being able to attend a training course or to get a job.
- h. Other benefits include a reduction in care responsibilities and being able to save money when compared to other more expensive travelling alternatives.
- i. Having a Choice - We believe that there is no independence without choice and there is no choice without opportunities.



j. The Challenge - We understand that it can be very hard to do the transition from supported travelling to independent travelling. Changing from the comfort of a parent's lift or a taxi to using public transport independently can be a challenge but the reward gained and the sense of independence achieved is unique. That feeling of knowing that you can is amazing and it helps people feeling more confident and happy with themselves, willing to try new things, to go to new places and to meet new people.

### 3. What is Travel Training

a. The City of Bristol College Travel Training Service offers a travel training scheme for students with additional support needs who wish to travel on their own.

b. The travel training offered to students is a temporary service and not a support service.

c. The service is available for students at the Ashley Down Centre, College Green Centre, South Bristol Skills Academy and Parkway Centre.

d. The Travel Training Service provides a safe place to try out independent travel, learn new skills and build confidence.

e. The service supports students to overcome barriers by empowering them with tools that facilitate their inclusion and opening doors for their futures and their transition into adulthood and employment.

### 4. How does it work

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