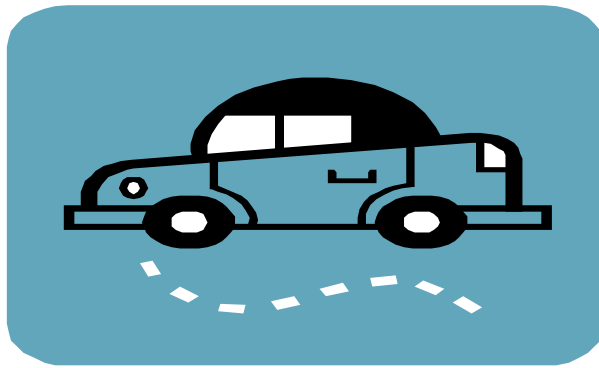


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Centre Travel Plan

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About our Centre

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No. of people and age range	115 people aged 19 – 79
Centre type	Day Centre for Adults with Learning Disabilities
Location	Chinley, High Peak, Derbyshire

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Alderbrook caters for adults with a learning disability some of whom also have a physical disability. A few people attending the centre also have an Autistic Spectrum Disorder. We also have a small number of people who demonstrate a behaviour which challenges the system.

I believe it is also important to flag up the fact that a significant number of people who have a learning disability also have the ability to wander independently around the site - indeed some can walk into the village with a few able to use the public bus. The independent travel is severely limited by the infrequency of the bus and often times do not correspond with appointments activities etc.

The catchment area for Alderbrook is all of the High Peak with a few from within North Derbyshire Dales.

THE CENTRE DAY

The centre opens at 8.45 a.m. and closes at 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, on a Tuesday evening we run a "Sports for All" session from 6.30p.m. to 8.30 p.m. On a Sunday our garden enterprise is open from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

The travel routes for people attending the centre are Buxton, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Glossop and New Mills and there surrounding villages. Those from outside the High Peak are Bradwell and Grindleford in the North Dales.

The majority of people travel to and from the centre on the transport arranged and funded by Social Services; this aspect of need is highlighted during community care assessment and reviewed regularly in the Community Care reviews.

This travel plan aims to predominately highlight how staff and visitors travel to and from the centre and address how the grounds of the centre can be safe for the people who use the centre especially their right to be able to be safe when out and about on the site.

The centre shares its grounds with Peak School whose pupils travel to and from on education funded transport.

There are approximately 55 parking places between the centre and school which are for staff and visitors - there are also two mini-buses on site one belonging to the school and one to the centre. In addition we have people visiting e.g. colleagues / other professionals, carers and people visiting our social enterprises. On a daily basis a range of people go out to use a variety of community facilities e.g. 2 visits to New Mills pool., New Mills Leisure Centre, Glossop Leisure Centre , a number of meetings for service users , Advocacy, Choice and Control partnership meetings. We regularly visit shops and cafes in Chapel, Buxton and Glossop. The travel to these venues can be in the Centre's mini-bus, staff car and with two people using the public bus to travel to their voluntary work.

CURRENT TRAVEL DIFFICULTIES

There is a one way vehicle system through the site which can be very congested at the start and end of the day due to the transport bringing in people.

Despite “No Entry” signs and one way arrows it can be a common occurrence for vehicles visiting either school or centre to travel against the one way often also going too fast – this does tend to be visitors or deliveries.

How people use the service travel to and from the centre.

A survey of how people travel was undertaken on 14/03/08

Mode	To centre	From Centre
Car (With Parent)	1	1
Taxi	19	19
Coach / Minibus	94	94
Agency Transport	1	1

Whilst we currently have 115 people on the register this is due to rise to 123 in April 2008. Average daily attendance varies as we have a mixture of people who attend full-time and those who attend part-time. The number of vehicles is the same each day.

How staff currently travel to work (at centre)

Mode	To Centre	From Centre
Walk	2	2
Cycle *	1-2	1-2
Car	28	28
Car Share	6	6
Bus	1	1

This is maximum and includes two university staff.

* One regular all year round – one member of staff during the light evenings.

CONSULTATION

Transport is included in the care plan reviews

Frequently in talks with contractual transport with a view to safety on site.

Colleagues from Peak School

Jean Sturman - Derbyshire County Council

The people involved in drawing up this plan: - Irene Jackson – Manager
Geraldine Dean – Deputy Manager

Any outcomes from this plan will be fed back to staff, parents and most importantly people who use the centre.

AIM

What we aim to achieve:-

1. Promote sustainable travel amongst staff – to aim to provide secure cycle storage - this will complement our showering and changing facilities already available to staff.
2. To have a traffic management system that will provide a safe environment for pedestrians.
3. To deliver road safety, road crossing skills along with travel training to those able to undertake this area of self development.
4. Encourage other forms of transport as an alternative to use of car (this would be difficult due to the local availability of transport and the widespread of staff). Staff are also casual car users and so need their car for certain aspects of their work.

Encourage forward planning to look at the times when the car is required.
Reduce congestion on site by keeping both entrance and exit clear.

5. Investigate possibility of increased / improved parking facilities.

MEASURES TO REDUCE SITE CONGESTION

To encourage more car sharing - this may not be feasible due to location of staff with child care duties i.e. may live within in the locality of another colleague but arrangement for their children is not.

To investigate reserved parking for car sharers.

CONTRACTED TRANSPORT

A review was undertaken a few years ago when taxis were reduced by introducing people to mini-bus /coach this was achieved by introducing escorts on the buses.

A further review to aid congestion.

We already have timed transport however some contracts arrive too early - seek support of D.C.C. Road Safety Team to write to the main offenders.

Discuss parking needs with Peak School.

Any meetings that include others coming on site to be between 9.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

SUMMARY

As from April 2008 Alderbrook Centre will have 123 people using the service with a daily average of approximately 75 / 80 per day, the number of transport vehicles will remain the same i.e.:-

6 Taxi's, 3 Minibuses, 4 Coaches

We have 40 staff on our books this includes 2 part-time caretakers, 4 kitchen staff, 1 cleaner, 1 clerical and 3 members of the management team., 26 day service workers, 19 full-time and 7 part-time, maximum on any given day is 20. We also have 2 staff during term time only from the University of Derby, from these 40 staff the maximum on any day is 35, however due to annual leave and sickness etc. the occasions of 35 are very rare.