

# Concessionary Travel

## Eligibility of disabled people – information sheet.

### Category c – without speech

A person is eligible for a concessionary bus pass if they are without speech.

#### You will be eligible if;

- you are unable to communicate orally in any language i.e. you are unable to make clear basic oral requests or you are unable to ask specific questions to clarify instructions.

#### You will **not** be eligible if;

- you have speech but it is slow or difficult to understand e.g. if you have a severe stammer, or
- you cannot speak English, but you do speak another language.

### Proving that you are eligible

You can do this by providing **one** of the following:

- Letter from social services, or another appropriate organisation providing support services, stating that you are without speech.
- For a child, a Statement of Special Educational Needs.
- Documents which demonstrate that you are without speech. These may include letters from your consultant or GP which you may already have in your possession.
- You may ask your GP to provide a letter, but this is not an NHS service. The doctor is not obliged to provide one. As this is a private service you would be charged for a letter.

Any letter provided as evidence should describe your disability so that it is possible to see whether any of criteria above apply to you. It should also say whether your disability is permanent or temporary and, if temporary, it should state the expected duration.