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Driving Mobility is a UK wide network of mobility centres providing assessment, advice and information on all aspects of personal mobility.

We all value the independence that driving a car, or travelling as a passenger, gives to us. This type of transport is even more important when your personal mobility is limited by frailty or disability. The independent organisations that make up the UK wide membership of the charity The Forum of Mobility Centres (who have decided to use the working name “Driving Mobility” to more closely reflect their primary activity) exist to assist and advise people to retain or regain independence as drivers, passengers and scooter or wheelchair users.

The primary function of accredited Mobility Centres is driving assessment. The aim of an assessment is to check physical and cognitive ability to drive a vehicle in safety and comfort and to offer advice on aids and adaptations that may assist in driving.
Who are the staff at centres?
The member centres all employ experienced staff from a variety of backgrounds. Therapists, nurses, driving instructors, engineers, doctors, managerial, administrative staff and volunteers may be involved in the assessment and information giving process.

Who can attend a centre?
Centres are open to anyone with a disability or a mobility problem. (NB In Scotland you need to be referred by another agency, such as a Consultant or Doctor – please contact the Edinburgh Centre for details).

What is the charge for a driving assessment?
Charges vary according to the Centre you attend and in some circumstances there is no fee. Contact your local Centre for details.

What is the role of Driving Mobility?
Mobility Centres operate within a variety of backgrounds (some are wholly charitable organisations, others operate within the NHS) and Driving Mobility is the umbrella body for them all. It ensures that there are common standards, promotes good practice, offers training and education, and works closely with other organisations such as the Department for Transport, the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency, and Motability.
**What does a driving assessment involve?**

Attending for an assessment isn’t like taking a driving test! Mobility Centre staff are very experienced at putting clients at their ease and do their utmost to be supportive to individual drivers.

The Mobility Centre team will consider all aspects of driving including medical fitness, vision, awareness, reactions and decision-making as well as the physical ability to operate the controls.

An in-car assessment will be carried out, normally in one of the Centre’s own adapted vehicles and there will be a range of vehicles to suit most needs, including, at some Centres, “drive from wheelchair vehicles”. The assessment may involve driving in a private area as well as on public roads in the surrounding locality. Precise details may vary according to the client’s circumstances and the facilities available at the Centre. All clients receive verbal advice as well as a written report.

**What services are there for passengers?**

Centres also offer passenger assessments, giving passengers with mobility difficulties advice on getting in and out of a vehicle, travelling safely (e.g. in a wheelchair), and the loading and stowage of equipment such as wheelchairs. They also offer a free information service on matters concerning independent mobility, primarily related to car and adapted vehicle use as a driver or passenger. Some Centres also offer:

- Advice on the selection and use of wheelchairs and scooters.
- Driving tuition, for novice drivers, those returning to driving after a break, and those changing to a different method of vehicle control.
- The fitting of car adaptations for both drivers and passengers with disabilities.
- Advice and assessment for disabled drivers who require to drive HGV, LGV, PSV.
- Advice and assessment for disabled riders who want to learn or return to biking.

**Motability**

Mobility Centres offer a service for Motability customers (Managed Adaptation Programme and Grants) who are considering vehicle or adaptation solutions. For more information please call the national enquiry line on 0800 559 3636.
Our centres

- Free Information Service for disabled and older people, their families and professionals.
- Advice on vehicle adaptations, ability to learn, continue or return to driving.
- Assessment and advice for passengers getting in and out of vehicles and about safe loading of wheelchairs and other equipment.
- Advice on the selection and use of wheelchairs (powered and manually propelled) and scooters.
- Driving tuition, for novice drivers, those returning to driving after a break and those changing to a different method of vehicle control.
- Fitting of car adaptations for both drivers and passengers with disabilities.
- Advice and assessment for disabled drivers who require to drive HGV, LGV and PSV.
- Advice and assessment for disabled riders who want to learn or return to biking.

**Belfast**

**Northern Ireland Mobility Centre**  
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Txt 028 9029 7882  
E mobilitycentre@disabilityaction.org  
W www.disabilityaction.org

Also Mobile Assessment Service  
Satellite centres at Colleraine, Ballymena, Newry, Dungannon, Omagh, Enniskillen, Derry/Londonderry.

**Birmingham**

**RDAC**  
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W www.rdac.co.uk

Satellite centres at Cannock, Staffordshire; Hull, East Yorkshire; Leamington, Warwickshire; Oxford, Oxon; Northampton and Worcester.

**Bristol**

**Driving and Mobility Centre, West of England (formerly Living Mobility and Driving Centre)**  
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E mobserv@thisisliving.org.uk  
W www.thisisliving.org.uk

IDPWT  
Satellite centre at Sparkford, Somerset.

**Cardiff**

**South Wales Mobility and Driving Assessment Service**  
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IDPGT  
Satellite centre at Pembroke Dock, Dyfed.
Carshalton
QEF Mobility Services
1 Metcalfe Avenue, Carshalton, Surrey
SM5 4AW
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E mobility@qef.org.uk
W www.qef.org.uk/our-services/mobility-services/

Advice on electric scooters and electric and manual wheelchairs. Also training courses.

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Leeds
William Merritt Disabled Living Centre Driver and Passenger Assessment Services
St Mary’s Hospital, Green Hill Road, Armley, Leeds LS12 3QE
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W www.wmdlc.org

Satellite centres at York, N Yorkshire.

Maidstone
Satellite centres at Thannington, nr Canterbury; Swanscombe nr Greenhithe and Uckfield.

Download Satellite centres at Penrith, Cumbria.
Bodelwyddan North Wales
North Wales Mobility and Driving Assessment Service
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Satellite centres at Newtown, Powys.

St Helens
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E mobility.centre@bridgewater.nhs.uk
W www.bridgewater.nhs.uk/northwestwide/northwestdrivingassessmentservice
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Satellite centres at Salisbury, Wiltshire; Newport, Isle of Wight and Basingstoke.

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Also Wheelchair Repairs and Independent Living Centre
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