

Disabled Person's Car Parking Badges (Blue Badges)

Sheffield
LMC



GUIDANCE FOR SHEFFIELD GPs

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Last year concerns were raised with the LMC that GP involvement was being requested in the assessment process for Blue Badge eligibility. This was contrary to the agreement reached in 2008 with Sheffield City Council (SCC) and Sheffield Primary Care Trust representatives - that a physiotherapist assessment service would be implemented that would not involve GPs.

SCC representatives confirmed that the physiotherapist assessment service was to be withdrawn and in November we met to discuss the alternative services they were considering.

We have now received confirmation that, for the time being, SCC will carry out telephone conversations with applicants and, if necessary, request attendance at a face to face interview. They have access to information showing whether or not an applicant is in receipt of any care or adaptations and, therefore, they do not involve GPs in this process.

A number of alternatives are still being explored, none of which involve GPs.

Any patients taking it upon themselves to request supporting letters / reports from their GP should be directed to Customer Services at SCC via (0114) 2734567 or to the information available on SCC's website:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/content/sheffield/home/parking/apply-for-blue-badge.html>