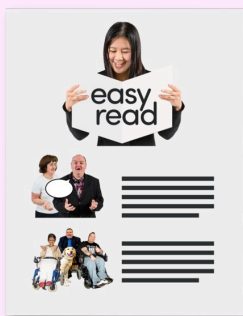


Our plan to make transport better for disabled people

2025 to 2030



Easy Read



This is an Easy Read version of some information. It has words and pictures.



You might want help to read this booklet. You can ask someone to help you.

words

Some words are **black and bold**. This means we think they are difficult words.



Black and bold words are thicker and darker. We explain what they mean in a box like this.

Who we are



We are the **Motability Foundation**.



Our work helps disabled people to travel and use **transport**.



Transport means all the ways people can travel, like by car, train, scooter or wheelchair.

What this booklet tells you



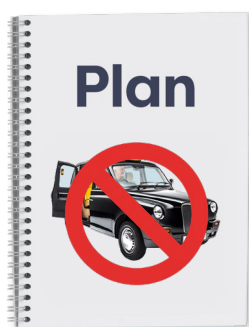
This booklet tells you our plan to make transport better for disabled people.



There are many **barriers** that make it hard for disabled people to use transport.



Barriers are anything that stop you from doing something.



Our plan tells you what these barriers are and what we will do to help get rid of them.

Our plan



We talked to lots of disabled people to help us make our plan.



They talked to us about different types of transport and the barriers they deal with for each type.



These are

- private transport
- public transport
- shared transport.



They also talked to us about what they need to be able to travel and get around. This includes any support or services they need.

Private transport



Private transport is transport that you own or **lease**.



Lease is when you pay to use something for a certain amount of time, like a vehicle.



It can be difficult for some people to pay for private transport.



If someone wants to buy their own car they must also learn how to drive.



It can also cost a lot of money to pay for driving lessons.



Many disabled people cannot drive or they worry about learning to drive.



People who teach others how to drive often do not know enough about disabilities or how to teach disabled people.



Our **Motability Scheme** can help disabled people with the cost of private transport.



Our **Motability Scheme** helps people who get certain benefits to lease a vehicle, scooter or powered wheelchair.



We also have a **grant** called our **Driving Lesson Grant programme** that can help people who use our Motability Scheme with the cost of learning to drive.



A **grant** is money you are given to help you pay for something.

Public transport



Public transport is transport that everyone can use, like buses, trains, trams and planes.



It can be difficult for a disabled person to pay for transport if they need someone to travel with them.



It can also be difficult for disabled people to use public transport.



Most train stations have steps. Only a few train stations have no steps.



Disabled people often do not have the right support to use public transport.



People who work in public transport such as bus drivers often do not know enough about disabilities.



They might not know how to support a disabled person.



Other people who use public transport can also have a bad **attitude** about disabled people.



Attitude means how you think or feel about something.

Shared transport



Shared transport is transport people use at the same time, like electric scooters or bikes.



Shared transport like electric scooters and bikes are often not made for disabled people.



Most public transport has staff that people can talk to when they need help, most shared transport does not.



Some taxis or cars pick up lots of people at the same time. These can be great for disabled people. They can take them to the library, hospital or to local shops.

Personal mobility



Personal mobility is about what someone needs to move about or travel by themselves.



Many disabled people need

- wheelchairs
- scooters
- bikes
- walking aids.



It can be difficult for disabled people to pay for personal mobility.

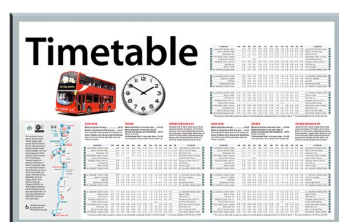


Some people need changes to things like wheelchairs or scooters so they can use them. These changes can take a long time.

What disabled people need to travel

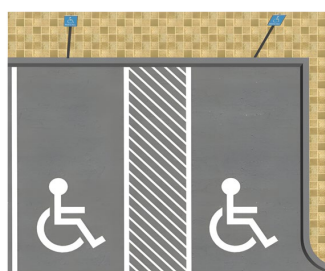


Everybody needs certain things to be able to travel.



For example,

- chargers for electric vehicles
- car parks
- maps and timetables.



Disabled people need chargers, car parks, roads and paths that are **accessible**.



Accessible means easy to use or understand.



They also need skills to help them travel, like being able to plan a journey or read a timetable.

What we will do



Over the next 5 years we will

- work with and learn from more people and organisations
- help change **policies** that affect disabled people
- do more **research**
- give more grants to people and organisations that help make transport easier for disabled people
- make sure we are **financially sustainable**
- work on our Motability Scheme
- be **innovative**
- become an **employer of choice for disabled people.**

We explain what these difficult words mean on the next page.



Policies are sets of rules that people or organisations must follow.



Research is work done to find out new information about a subject.



Financially sustainable is when you have enough money to do your work for a long time.



To be **innovative** means to think of new ideas and ways of working.



Employer of choice for disabled people is an award that organisations can get if they show they are a good place for disabled people to work.

We will **work with and learn from more people and organisations**



We will talk and listen to disabled people and use what they tell us to make important changes in our work.



We will also work with more charities and organisations who can help us make transport more accessible.

We will **help change policies**



We will help change policies about transport by talking to people in charge of transport.



We will tell them about the barriers that make transport difficult for disabled people.

We will **do more research**



We will do more research to find out what barriers make it hard for disabled people to use transport.



Our research will help us think about what changes we can make to help.



We will ask people to do research for us about transport and what disabled people need to travel.



We will find ways to check how much our work helps disabled people.

We will **give more grants**



We will give 50 million pounds in grants to organisations that help make transport easier for disabled people.



We will be careful about who we choose to give grants to.



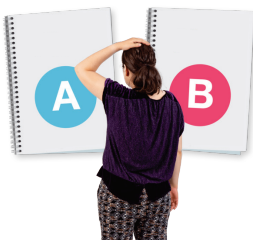
We want to give grants to organisations and work that will help disabled people the most.

We will **make sure we are financially sustainable**



We will make sure we have enough money to help disabled people for a long time.

We will **work on our Mobility Scheme**



We will make sure

- our Mobility Scheme does not cost too much money
- we give grants to people who need help to use our Mobility Scheme
- our Mobility Scheme is easy to use and the people who run it are helpful and friendly
- people who use our Mobility Scheme have a good choice of vehicles, scooters or powered wheelchairs to lease.

We will **be innovative**



We will think of how we can make transport accessible for disabled people.



This includes any changes we can make to technology, transport or things like paths and roads.



We might help make new technology or transport that is more accessible.

We will **be an employer of choice**



We will make sure we are an accessible place to work.



We will make sure everyone who works for us feels included and important.

How we will know our plan works



We will talk to disabled people to check our plan helps them.

We will know our plan works if disabled people



- are healthier and happier

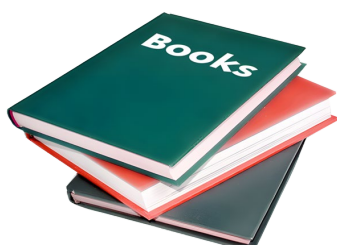


- can travel and do more things by themselves

- can travel to work or find it easier to find a job

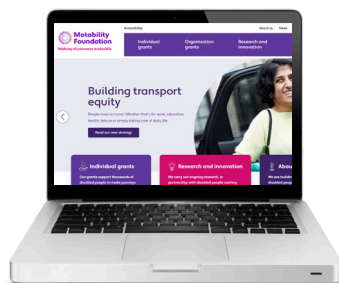


- can spend more time with their friends and family



- can travel to school, colleges or places to learn and get training.

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