

Medical Practitioners Guide

Patient has a notifiable medical condition

N.B. any condition which may affect their ability to drive safely

Yes

How to keep the DVLA updated with medical conditions / medication

Guidance steps for Health Professionals:

- Advise the patient to inform the DVLA of their notifiable medical condition / medication that may affect their driving
- Inform the patient that the advice given will be recorded. Failing to notify the DVLA, may affect their insurance and may result in a fine and or prosecution
- If there are further concerns that advice has not been followed, ask permission to contact DVLA on their behalf, but if no consent is given and there is significant risk to themselves or others, as a Health Professional, you must notify the DVLA out of duty of care

useful links:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/assessing-fitness-to-drive-guide-for-medical-professionals>

or

Visit www.olderdriversforum.com visit page for GP's under 'Advice'

Confirmation needed to confirm safe driving with a medical condition, injury or disability

Driving Mobility

Driving Mobility is a UK-wide network of independent organisations that provide a range of mobility assessment services and advice. There are centres throughout the UK, each main centre has satellite centres which may be more convenient to the patient

Using specially qualified Occupational Therapists and Approved Driving Instructors, they offer Fitness to Drive Assessments, which include:

- Pre-drive discussion, also involving where appropriate a cognitive exercise, reading a number plate, reaction test and a driving related physical check
- On road assessment in an appropriate dual controlled vehicle, on a set route designed to assess fitness to drive
- A comprehensive report recognised by the DVLA, which may assist with licence re-application and where any medical investigations are being carried out

Phone: 0800 559 3636

Email: info@drivingmobility.org.uk

Website: www.drivingmobility.org.uk

To find the nearest centre visit:

www.drivingmobility.org.uk/find-a-centre/

No

Refresher appraisal and confidence building required

Everybody's driving changes over time, in different ways and for different reasons. A driving appraisal can help to identify how and why a persons driving is changing and what can be done to help them continue to drive safely for as long as possible and brush up on their skills.

A driver appraisal, and if recommended, some refresher training, will help to make driving safer, less stressful and more enjoyable. It can help to save money by using less fuel and reducing vehicle wear and tear, and help the car last longer and have a higher resale value. Those undertaking such appraisals may receive insurance discounts from some insurance companies, and at the very least, it will help keep peoples no claims bonus intact

Across the UK there are simple driving appraisals for people who just need a little help and advice on how to improve their driving by organisations such as RoSPA, the IAM and Local Authorities.

To find an appraisal near you visit:
www.olderdriversforum.com/other-areas/

More information can be found at www.olderdriversforum.com