

Covid-19

Guidelines for providers in using emergency taxis for key workers

Guidance for providers

COVID-19: guidance for residential care, supported living and home care

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-residential-care-supported-living-and-home-care-guidance

The Council is working with providers to ensure that key workers are able to safely continue to travel to and from work to deliver the required support and care required to vulnerable people.

This service can **only** be used where alternative travel arrangements which a worker would normally use are no longer an available option, for example public transport or car sharing. It must not be used to supplement existing planned arrangements i.e. walking rounds.

Please see Appendix 1 to find out if you are your member of staff is eligible for an emergency taxi.

If you have followed the steps in Appendix 1 below and are eligible to book an emergency taxi, please follow the process below.

We are working with private hire companies across the District and have put in the place the following contracts for you to use.

Taxi bookings can only be made the Registered Manager or Deputy Manager.

Please note that the reference number **MUST** be quoted when booking **each** journey otherwise the passenger will be charged.

You will need to complete a record of each journey booked using the attached spreadsheet.

You will be required to submit this weekly as this is required for audit purposes for Passenger Transport Services (PTS) and Adult Social Care.

At the end of each week please submit your completed spreadsheet to <u>Cameron</u> Dale so that this can be collated and submitted to PTS.

Bradford Central Taxis

- Telephone: 01274 740440 / 07734 978700
- Quote Reference 4500529083

Oxford Taxis (Keighley)

- Telephone: 0797 3264149
- Quote Reference 4500529237

Bashir Travel (Bradford)

- Telephone: 07477 084784
- Quote Reference 4500529083

Bens Private Hire (Keighley)

- Telephone: 0790 8107913
- Quote Reference 4500529239

Wrose Village Taxis

- Telephone 01274 612345 / 07545 787186 (Maj)
- Quote Reference 4500529771

APPENDIX 1

Follow the steps below to find out if your worker is eligible for an emergency taxi.

Step 1

Does the worker have access to their own mode of transport to travel to work? If YES, you are not eligible. If NO, go to step 5.

Step 2

Would the worker normally travel on public transport? If Yes, please go to Step 3.

Step 3

Is the public transport service which your worker would normally use still running? If YES, you are not eligible. If NO, go to step 5.

Step 4

Would this worker normally car share as part of their job for example if providing double up care?

If YES, go to Step 1.

Step 5

If the answer to Step 1 and Step 3 above is NO you are eligible to use the Emergency Taxi Service.

Step 6

Would this worker normally walk to work? If yes, you are not eligible.